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## Smoking restrictions approved by Regents

Certain parts of residence halls escape the ban

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In one of its boldest policy moves in recent history, the College's Board of Regents on Friday prohibited smoking from all campus buildings, effective July 1.

The new policy bans smoking in every building, with the exception of certain areas of the residence halls. Smoking outside the buildings will be allowed.

Some have questioned the new policy, saying it would be hard to enforce and is too harsh on the College's smoking community.

"This institution has the right to not want visitors or its students to smoke," said College President Julio Leon before the Regents.

Before the final measure was voted on, an amendment was proposed by one of the regents to make the Green Room, inside Taylor Auditorium, a safe haven for visiting artists. The amendment had the support of one regent, Cynthia Schwab, a long-time supporter of the arts. However, student regent Mary Hanewinkel objected to the amendment by saying "Where do you draw the line?" The amendment was defeated 6-0.

The motion to ban smoking inside campus buildings passed unanimously,

drawing with it vocal support from nearly every regent.

Leon stated that he had no problem with smokers lighting up outside, provided cigarette butts are thrown away in receptacles that will be stationed outside. But smokers say that is not enough.

"I'm not going outside to smoke, not in zero-degree weather," said Vicki Hanson, sophomore business major and a smoker. "If I could transfer, I would transfer somewhere else. It's the principle of the thing. This campus-wide ban irritates me."

The issue has heated up this semester, reaching new heights with a demonstration by smokers in the first floor of Matthews Hall. Smokers say they want designated smoking areas, but College officials say that is impossible due to poor ventilation.

At the Board's meeting, Dr. Duane Eberhardt, new Faculty Senate president, and Hanewinkel, Student Senate president, both brought their constituents' proposal on smoking to the Board. Pointed remarks came from Eberhardt, who said "it's appropriate to ban smoking everywhere. The time has come to take action."

It is uncertain what areas of the residence halls will be open to smokers. Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice presi-

dent for student services, said studies will be made to determine how many smokers live in the residence halls. That will indicate what spaces should escape the ban, Dolence said.

"I think it is a good move for the institution," Leon told *The Chart*. "It certainly does not apply criticism for those who smoke and certainly does not take away their right to smoke—just not inside our buildings."

In other business, the Board approved 14 faculty promotions and six tenure recommendations.

Promoted to assistant professor were Grace Ayton, nursing; Val Carlisle, director of student activities; and Chad Stebbins, communications.

Promoted to associate professor were Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing; Sam Clausen, theatre; Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid; Duane Hunt, theatre; Pele Havelly, head of the department of music; Bernie Johnson, business; Dr. Roseanne Joyner, education; Jack Spurlin, director of criminal justice; David Tillman, biology; Jim Williams, criminal justice; and Dr. Carolyn Yocum, communications.

Approved for tenure were Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre; Robert Meeks, music; Dr. Duane Eberhardt, business; Joyner, Box, and Ayton.

## ANTICIPATION



Marta Kovacsosky, freshman undecided, relaxes on the third-floor stairwell in Matthews Hall. The College's Board of Regents on Friday banned smoking in all buildings. The ban takes effect July 1.

## Voters elect Vowels

Only 381 take part in choosing Senate

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bryan Vowels, a junior business major, became president of the Student Senate after elections last week, in which less than 400 students voted.

Vowels defeated Doretta Lovland, junior English education major.

Vowels was pleased with his election, saying the position will give him "a good experience."

"I was surprised," he said. "I'm looking forward to next year."

Amber Commons, a junior business major, was elected vice president. She defeated Pam Chong, senior communications major.

Lory St. Clair, senior biology major, ran opposed for the office of treasurer. Chong was elected secretary by write-in vote.

Voters also approved an amendment to the Senate's constitution that allows the Senate to deal with issues other than finances. That is one area Vowels would like to see the Senate more involved in next year.

"I'd like to see the Senate not just be a place where we give out money," he said.

Money is an issue to Vowels, however, and he would like to see some changes in how the Senate allocates money to clubs and organizations.

Voter turnout last Wednesday and Thursday was low, despite efforts to encourage turnout increases. For the first time, students were given two days to cast their ballot. Still, only 381 votes were cast, which bothers Vowels.

"That's pretty bad," he said. "The Senate tried a different thing this year by spreading it over two days, but I guess it didn't work. Maybe next year we can have more ballot booths in different areas. This year's turnout was pretty bad."

Vowels praised this year's president, Mary Hanewinkel, for her work, and said her action on the smoking issue should prompt the Senate into taking stands on more issues next year.

"I think Mary has done a good job," he said. "I would like to see the Senate get more involved."

Vowels said he would like to continue work on the crosswalk problem on Duquesne Road. The Senate looked into the issue this year, but the crosswalk has not been approved by the city of Joplin or Missouri Southern.

The Senate, at its annual year-end picnic last night, installed the executive officers and named its outstanding senator, senior Karen Taylor.

## Brown's position now permanent

No national search needed, Leon says

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Almost one academic year has passed since Dr. Robert Brown stepped in as acting vice president for academic affairs and James Gray filled his void as dean of the school of business.

Brown's position now is official, following action at Friday's Board of Regents meeting. College President Julio Leon originally had recommended Brown for the position on an interim basis and was pleased with the way he carried out the duties of the retired Dr. Floyd Belk.

"Dr. Brown has done an excellent job," Leon said, "and in recognition of his performance, I recommended him to the Board."

Some have questioned the appointment on the basis that the College's policy of conducting a national search was not been followed—the topic was addressed at the April Faculty Senate meeting. Leon justifies the decision, saying the situation did not merit a search.

"I think that this is a position that

requires the confidence of the president and the Board," he said. "It is a case of promoting from within a very well-qualified individual."

Brown was glad to accept the permanent position.

"I'm very flattered and pleased, and I sincerely appreciate the vote of confidence from the administration and the regents," Brown said. "I am humbled and want to do the absolute very best I can."

In this position, he sees himself as a time-saver for those who do "the most important business."

"The administration exists to help," Brown said. "We try to relieve our faculty and students of the details so they can turn their attention to more important things."

While attending to those details, it might seem as though he would have no time left for teaching, but that may not be the case.

"I was very careful to retain my rank as professor of economics, not letting that door shut," Brown said. "Quite frankly, I enjoy it (teaching) very much and I look forward to the time when I can arrange my duties



Robert Brown James Gray

so that I might teach again."

As Brown assumes his new position, a hole is left in the school's business. Gray, formerly the assistant dean, has been filling in for Brown's absence. According to Leon, it has not yet been determined whether Gray will be offered the deanship.

"The position of vice president has been taken care of, and now a decision needs to be made in regards to the dean of the school of business," Leon said.

Brown said "it's too early to predict" who will fill the position, but that "it is time to start thinking about what will happen next."

While, according to Brown, Gray's performance has been "absolutely outstanding," it is uncertain whether a national search will be conducted in this case.

"We will consult the faculty in the business school, the administration, and the president on this matter," Brown said. "It is an extremely busy time, when we get past the push of commencement, we will have more time to consider this thoughtfully."

## Tornados push plan into action for dorms

BY JAN GARDNER  
ARTS EDITOR

Moods were calm on Missouri Southern's campus Friday despite the presence of at least four funnels in the Joplin area.

"It was pretty calm because everyone was quiet so they could hear what was going on," said Jamie Bruton, a freshman communications major who sought refuge in South Hall—nearly 30 minutes after the sirens sounded at 11:20 p.m.

"I was at the movie and I didn't know it (the storm) had hit," she said. "When I drove in, Deb (Gibson, head resident) waved me in as fast as I could."

Following with tornado policy, campus security made continuous rounds through the residence area sounding sirens and directing people to take cover in the first-floor hallway of South Hall, as well as the basements of apartments A and B.

"Security went back and forth with sirens and the public address system saying 'Everybody take cover right now!'" said Bill Boyer, chief of security.

Craig Richardson, the security officer on duty that night, said he had

his scanner on at approximately 11:15 p.m. After hearing reports of funnel clouds sighted in Kansas, he immediately notified Gibson and told her to evacuate the north and south annexes, which is the No. 1 priority due to the unstable nature of the buildings.

"Before I could get out the door, the tornado sirens were going off," Richardson said. "That was around 11:20 p.m."

Richardson said at least two funnels were seen near the campus.

"One passed over the campus, and I saw one to the east of the campus," he said.

Security officer Michael Peterman and maintenance worker Joe Erwin were in charge of the campus proper, and they directed people toward the residence halls.

"There were people coming in from the [Newman Road] trailer park, from off the highway, and from Royal Orleans," Bruton said.

At midnight, the tornado warning was extended for another hour, and the Joplin tornado sirens went off for a second time. At 12:58 a.m., security informed the hotel residents all was clear and that those taking shelter could return to their own homes.

## Volskay family fights leukemia and its accompanying hard times

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

For the past year, Dr. Truman Volskay and his family have been fighting the odds.

In February 1990, Volskay's daughter, Edna, now a senior at Carthage High School, was diagnosed as having Acute Lymphatic Leukemia (ALL).

Currently the leukemia is in remission, however, but Edna Volskay will not be considered free from the disease for four years.

"I was teaching a class," said Volskay, professor of psychology. "They took her out to the doctor at St. John's and did a bone marrow [test]. They wanted to rush her right up to Children's Mercy [Hospital in Kansas City] immediately, which we did that afternoon."

"They have a regular team of doctors who work on children with leukemia, and they assigned on one of those doctors to her. The whole team pretty much made decisions and

kept track of her progress."

According to Delma Volskay, Edna's mother, each doctor on the team works a one-month rotation, caring for the children. When a new patient is brought to the hospital, the

doctor on duty that month is assigned to the case.

"She was just young enough to be a child so they wanted her to go up there," Truman Volskay said. "Otherwise, a year later, they would have

kept her here at St. John's."

Neither parent was prepared to hear that Edna had leukemia.

"It was really a shock when they made the diagnosis," Delma Volskay said. "It just about floored us," Truman Volskay said.

However, even in the face of the unexpected diagnosis, the Volskays said they never lost hope that their daughter would recover.

"One very encouraging thing was, right from the beginning, Dr. Robert Carter (Edna Volskay's doctor at St. John's oncology clinic) spoke very reassuringly that this particular cancer was treatable," Truman Volskay said. "I felt a little bit better just a half an hour later. I don't know that we have ever really been despondent, or down in the depths of despair over it."

The family found there were several things working in their favor when medical treatments began.

"There were a lot of positive things about the whole thing that made us

feel better as they began to do the tests," Truman Volskay said. "They told us that her being a girl was a plus, that the boys have more problems. They caught her before it had progressed too far. They did not find any leukemic cells in her spinal fluid—if they find it there that's bad."

In order to determine if the leukemia had progressed to her spinal fluid, Edna Volskay has had to undergo between 15-20 spinal taps.

The one factor working against her in the fight was her age.

"She was a little old for treatment, though," said Truman Volskay. "The best success comes between four and eight, or two and six. She was 16, so she was well above that. That was a point against her, but that didn't seem to have made any difference."

Edna Volskay still is undergoing treatment.

Her intensive treatment was finished in October, and she went on a maintenance program which was still a continued form of chemo-

therapy, but it is not nearly as intense as it was," Delma Volskay said. "She still has to stay on this maintenance therapy until May of 1992."

The therapy consists of daily doses of oral medicine, monthly intravenous injections, and periodic spinal taps.

The leukemia did not only effect Edna Volskay and her parents—it also had some effect on her sisters, Allena, a sophomore at Carthage; and Delinda, a junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"Allena has had to do a lot more; she grew up in a hurry," Delma Volskay said. "She had to take a lot more responsibility."

Even though the many trips to the hospital have caused Edna Volskay to miss many days of school, she will graduate fifth in her class May 25.

Edna Volskay plans to attend Southwest Missouri State University where she hopes to major in interior design, with dreams of becoming a photographer.



(Left) Dr. Truman Volskay, professor of psychology, and daughter Edna.



# Grim announces retirement plans

## 16-year vet says timing right

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

After 16 years of teaching business classes at Missouri Southern, Kathleen Grim is retiring. Grim, assistant professor of business, said she will leave at the end of this year for personal reasons. "I began thinking about it, and I am at the age where I can [retire]," she said. "It just seemed like a good time. I thought about it last year, and because of my training and my faculty standing, I really can't apply for a promotion until I am past the age when I desire to retire. So I just decided it was a good year to do it."



classes she taught at Southern were "skill classes." It meant more work for her.

"[It meant] lots of paper grading, lots of motivational techniques—but mostly knowing how to do these things myself," she said. "So learning how to use all the typewriters with memory and word-processing on both the word processors and the computers kept me really busy."

Grim says the time she has spent at Southern has been worthwhile.

"I feel that this has been a real interesting time to teach, and a real challenging time, because I had to learn most of this after the age of 50."

She said she once believed it impossible to learn a new computer program.

"There was a time when I thought, 'I just can't absorb another word-processing package.' I felt like maybe I was at maximum capacity, but I did it," she said. "And even though I don't teach spread-sheeting, I've learned Lotus and even gone into some desktop publishing, which has been a new development in the last couple of years. So it's just been a real enjoyable time."

Grim said what makes her realize just how effective an instructor she has been is when former students come back and say how one class she taught, Business Communications, has helped them through the years.

"I guess a teacher takes pleasure in hearing that students have learned things that they can really use," she said. "That seems to be the course that people come back and tell me was one of the most or the most helpful courses they have taken."

Grim said the thing she will miss most will be the students and the faculty, because she likes "to be around people."

Although she is retiring, Grim will not leave the College behind, saying she "would still be out there, pulling for Missouri Southern."

## LISTENING TO THE EVIDENCE



Students in the Criminal Evidence class held a mock trial last Thursday at the Jasper County Courthouse. The defendant was found not guilty.

# Program accepting applications

Research grants available for fall

BY JAN GARDNER  
ARTS EDITOR

Since its beginning in the fall of 1989, the student research grant program has awarded 37 grants to students with viable topics suitable for extended research.

According to Dr. Richard LaNear,

grant committee chairman, there are many positive outcomes from these research programs.

"In addition to mastering the learning process of using the scientific method," he said, "most of the students are required to present their project orally in a campus-wide forum, which gives them experience in

public speaking."

LaNear said many of these funded projects have gone on to be used for more elaborate purposes, including subjects for a master's thesis.

Since the committee was formed by College President Julio Leon in the fall of 1989, the program has awarded 37 grants to students for research. The budget allocates \$7,500 per semester to the program, but ac-

cording to LaNear, the committee has never needed the full amount.

The application must be sent, with 10 copies, to LaNear at least four weeks prior to the estimated starting time of the project.

The committee is now taking applications for the fall semester, although no announcement of recipients will be made until that time.

# Businesses show support for Southern students

BY STEVE SAKACH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As part of an effort to promote the unity between Missouri Southern students and the local workforce, the College's employment office wants to make those ties visible.

Some students and faculty may have noticed stickers in the windows of local businesses with the College's new international logo and the message: "We Employ Missouri Southern Students. They Make A World of Difference."

Mindy Chism, director of student employment, sends the stickers out to any area business which hires Southern students.

"Everyone who employs a student from our office gets a thank-you letter and the sticker," Chism said. "We want to get people in the community to know about the area involvement with Southern."

The program originally started in August and has received favorable results, Chism said.

"It's been a good way for us to tell people we appreciate their support and for being an advocate of Mis-

souri Southern students," she said. "It has seen a lot of positive feedback."

Jeff Bennett, store manager for Smitty's, thinks the program is helpful in facilitating community/College relations.

"We're behind at 100 percent," Bennett said. "We had a similar program in Springfield, so we decided to try it here."

He said Smitty's not only posts the stickers for public relations purposes, but that it actively makes a point to hire Southern students to fill any cashier vacancies.

"We hire Southern students for two main reasons. First, we want to support the College. Because of our close proximity to Southern, a lot of students do business with us and we want to give back something in return," he said. "Secondly, Southern students usually have a good foundation when they come to us and we feel comfortable hiring them."

Anyone who would like more information about the program or about listing current part-time/temporary job openings may call the student employment office at 625-9398.

# 'The Chart' announces positions for fall semester

Angie Stevenson, a sophomore communications major from Jefferson City, has been named editor-in-chief of *The Chart* for 1991-92.

Stevenson served as arts editor as a freshman and managing editor this year. She has a 4.0 grade-point average at Missouri Southern and is a member of the honors program.

"The success of *The Chart* largely is due to the outstanding editors we've had," said Chad Stebbins, adviser. "I feel fortunate that someone of Angie's caliber is coming along to

continue this tradition."

T.R. Hanrahan, a junior communications major from Independence, will serve as executive editor in 1991-92. Hanrahan was editor-in-chief of *The Longview Current* at Longview Community College in 1989-90.

"T.R. is one of the most versatile people we've had on *The Chart*," said Stebbins. "He can write news, sports, features, columns—just about everything. We're hoping he can be our State Capitol intern next spring, providing he pick up some photo skills."

Kaylea Hutson, a freshman communications major from Carthage, will serve as an associate editor next year. She will be responsible for *The Chart's* editorial and global viewpoint pages.

Two transfer students also will be joining *The Chart* as associate editors: Amy Martin, a December graduate of Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and John Hacker, managing editor of *The Longview Current*. Martin was managing editor of the Broward student newspaper last fall.

"We're having to rely more and more on transfer students to get the quality and dedication we need," said Stebbins. "We only had a few freshmen from our campus join the staff this year. Maybe the word has gotten out that it's very demanding."

P.J. Graham, a freshman communications major from Carthage, will serve as campus editor. Chris Cox, who Stebbins says is "developing into one of the best college photographers around," will return as director of photography.

## CLARIFICATION

Firearms are forbidden on campus, without exception, according to Bill Boyer, chief of security.

In a story that appeared in last week's edition of *The Chart*, a student was apprehended in the Spiva Library for allegedly brandishing what looked like a .45 caliber gun. It actually was a pellet gun to be

used in a demonstration speech.

Doug Carnahan, director of student life, was quoted as saying firearms would be permissible for such things as demonstration speeches, provided approval was gained by campus security.

That since has been recounted by Boyer, who said firearms are prohibited in any circumstance.

This is the final edition of 'The Chart' this semester.

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## Nursing program receives donation

BY JOHN FORD  
STAFF WRITER

Oxford Healthcare, formerly Upjohn HealthCare Services, recently made what was called "a generous donation" to Missouri Southern's nursing program.

Charles Goforth, president and owner of the firm, presented a \$2,500 scholarship check to the College in honor of the late Sen. Richard M. Webster.

"It was really a generous donation," said Barbara Box, director of nursing. "I was really excited that they chose the nursing department for the scholarship."

According to Goforth, the scholarship commemorates Sen. Webster's efforts to sponsor and support legislation aimed at improving the availability of health care for southwest Missouri's elderly and handicapped. Additionally, Goforth said he had a strong ally in the late senator, as he lobbied legislation to help senior citizens remain independent in their own homes.

"Sen. Webster championed the rights of the elderly and was especially concerned with helping them to retain as much independence and quality of life as possible," he said. "I lost a good friend and ally with the passing of Sen. Webster, and Missouri lost a strong voice for its elderly and handicapped."

The scholarship will be given to a student R.N. enrolled in the community outreach/bachelor of science degree program at the College. The recipient will receive training which includes delivering home health care services to the community.

According to Goforth, Oxford Healthcare was the first in this area to provide a wide variety of home health care services locally ranging from skilled nursing to homemaker assistance to transportation. The services are available on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week.

## COMING SOON



Dr. Robert Dunning, a tutor for the College's summer Oxford program, is scheduled to give two lectures Monday in Matthews Hall.

## Well-known economists to speak for conference

A live interactive video conference featuring two well-known economists and a former secretary of state will be shown in Matthews Hall auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

The conference, titled "Out Of The Red: Economic Transition In Eastern Europe," will give students an opportunity to find out how current changes in Eastern Europe will affect the United States' business and foreign policy, according to Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, professor of business.

"Eastern Europe countries are changing from communism to capitalism or free-market economies," he said. "They're changing politically also—they're becoming democracies. Take Poland, for instance. Poland is becoming—more rapidly than other countries—more free as far as

trade is concerned. They are opening up lots of markets to U.S. businesses."

Speakers at the conference, which will be telecast to Southern via satellite from Alexandria, Va., include George Schultz, former secretary of state who served during the Reagan administration, and Nobel Prize-winning economists Milton Friedman and George Stigler. Additional speakers include senior government officials from Eastern Europe.

The conference will be linked to colleges and universities across America. Persons attending the conference locally will have the opportunity to ask questions of any of the speakers through a telephone hook-up, Jaswal said.

"It should be a very informative and useful conference," he said.

## Oxford tutor to lecture

### King Arthur, artifact slides on agenda

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

Due to the efforts of several individuals at Missouri Southern, a distinguished scholar and lecturer will be visiting campus.

Dr. Robert Dunning, a tutor in the College's Oxford summer program, will present two lectures Monday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

A native of England's West Country, Dunning received a bachelor's degree from the University of Bristol in 1959 and his doctorate from the University of Exeter in 1962. He is currently editor for the *Victoria County History of Somerset*.

Although Dunning has lectured in the United States before, it was purely chance that allowed for the ar-

rangements to bring him here.

Karen Taylor, a senior history major, previously had studied under Dunning and made the initial contact with him.

"I was applying for a scholarship and asked him for a letter of recommendation," Taylor said. "He mentioned he was going to be in the United States so I asked him if he would give a lecture."

"I thought because of the international mission it would be highly likely that the College would pay to have him come."

Dr. Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, made the final arrangements.

"I talked to the [College] President, and we decided it would be a good thing to do," she said. "We benefited from the fact that he was already over here."

Dunning has published several books, including *Arthur: King in the West* and *Local History for Beginners*. He has written others concerning the history of Somerset and Eng-

land's West Country, and also has published various articles in some of Britain's foremost historical journals.

Dr. Lanny Ackiss, director of the honors program, made the trip to Oxford three summers ago and studied under Dunning.

"He's a full-time researcher and historian and was a wonderful teacher," Ackiss said. "He has such a profound depth of knowledge and communicates that knowledge to others."

Ackiss said he is particularly glad to have Dunning visit the campus.

"Part of the life of colleges and universities is bringing in international speakers," he said. "The last few years we haven't had as many speakers as we used to."

At 1 p.m. Monday, Dunning will address faculty and students on "English History from the English Landscape." He will speak to the entire community at 7:30 p.m. on "King Arthur," accompanied by a slide presentation of artifacts and British sites relevant to the Arthurian legend.

## Signing ceremony welcomes 49 honors program members

Group has high school grade-point average of 3.886

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

A traditional signing ceremony today will welcome the newest group of students to the honors program.

The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the Keystone Room of the Billingsly Student Center. The ceremony was established with the development of the honors program in 1984. New members will join 111 other scholars, 16 of whom will graduate from the program this year.

According to Dr. Lanny Ackiss, director of the honors program, the quality of students competing to enter the program is up.

"This group is the most distinguished group we've ever had," he said. "We're dazzled and elated by the wonderful applicants we've had this year. It was difficult to choose."

Forty-nine students have been invited to join, coming from 31 high

schools in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Yielding the strongest academic record of all groups since the program's inception, 24 of the students scored 30 or better on the ACT test, while 16 are first in their high school class. The grade-point average of the group is 3.886. Nineteen Bright Flight students also are included in the group.

Ackiss attributes the number of high quality students coming in to a firmly established reputation of Southern's honors program throughout the four-state area and region.

"Southern's general excellence is becoming more widely appreciated," he said. "I think this is a natural culmination of what everybody in the school—faculty and students—has been doing for years."

Acceptance into the honors program requires a composite ACT score of 28 or above and a GPA of 3.5 or above, though other factors also play a role.

"We look at extracurricular activities, commitments, community service, and letters of recommendation," Ackiss said. "We try to be extremely careful in the weighing of applications because it means a lot."

The program offers honors sections of core curriculum courses and special honors courses in selected areas. Virtually all of the honors students will receive a full-tuition scholarship. Ackiss said the quality of this new group of students speaks well for the College.

"When you have students like this come here it goes to show that Southern has more to offer than just being a convenient school to attend," he said.

At the ceremony today, students will sign a letter of intent, followed by a reception and luncheon.

This is a way of welcoming them into the program and giving them a chance to meet each other," Ackiss said.

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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Turnout stinks

If you were to ask the average Missouri Southern student what he or she knew about democracy, a correct spelling is probably all you would get.

In last week's Student Senate elections, only 381 students voted, despite being able to vote during a two-day period. Despite that effort, the percentages still are against us, folks.

You can't fault voting organizers this time. This time, you turn straight to the ignorance, lack of awareness, and sickening apathy of Southern's student body which pays no attention to detail or what it means to have student representation.

Granted, the pre-election hype is nothing to speak of. We see posters with no platforms that give us no clue as to who stands for what.

A good excuse not to vote, but not good enough.

Sure, the students are ready with hands wide open when the money is being doled out, but when it comes to fulfilling the practice of what lies in the core of a free society, the students scatter—only to complain later that the Senate does not represent them. The students' inaction lies in the face of everything we learn about living in America. We learn that everyone—including students on a college campus—can hold their leaders in scrutiny.

Southern's students comprise a group that balks at that notion, reasoning that somehow their votes mean little more than rubber stamps for popular candidates. When less than 400 students vote in the elections, it sends the tightrope message that the Senate serves about 1 percent of this campus. And for all those who sit in the Lions' Den and chat about dopey professors and institutional bureaucracy until they are blue in the face, the reality remains this: If you don't vote, close your mouth.

After this year's turnout, the obvious conclusion is that Southern's student body proves to be little more than an exercise in lethargy. Democracy probably will remain a word better left for government and history classes where the examples could spur on a new set of students—maybe with a new set of ideas.

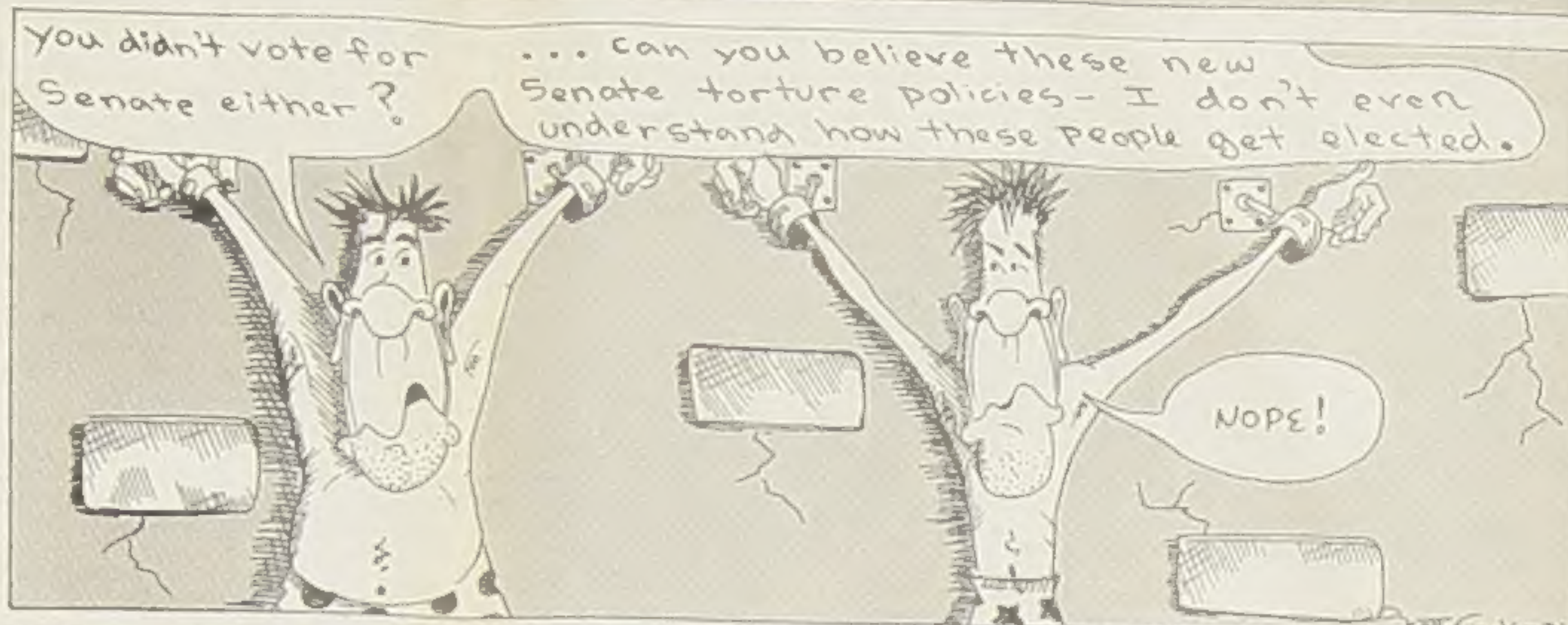
There are few strategies that bring these elections to point of credibility. One might be to hold Senate hearings for the candidates to present their views.

## Thanks, guys

This edition of *The Chart* marks the last one this semester and the final one for Chris Clark and Steve Moore. The latter instance is a sad one indeed.

Chris and Steve have served as editor-in-chief and executive editor, respectively, for the last two years, perhaps giving *The Chart* its best one-two punch ever. They both joined the staff as freshmen and now, thousands of man-hours later, have left an indelible mark on the paper.

Their commitment, dedication, professionalism, and personalities will be missed. Adios, Chris and Steve.



## An open letter to my best (?) influence

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Mr. Gib Pearis, guidance counselor at Belton High School: How are you? It's been exactly four years since I last sat in your counseling office, a humble, grade-poor high school duncer, though still excited by the thought of going to college.

At that time, I was considering several schools, including Northeast Missouri State University, and even Culver-Stockton. With full realization that my grades were nothing to write home about, I still had reason to believe there was a chance for me.

But I looked at your face that afternoon. I looked at your hands, replete with the butter from the popcorn you used to give out to some of your students—the ones who jumped through hoops. They were the student council members, the sons and daughters of your colleagues, and others who saw high school as a three-year smile. You liked them; you liked their smiles. They were positive and gave you every reason to believe their life forecast was for sunny skies with highs in the mid 70s. Well, for me, all 1.9 GPA of me, I was what you might call a terminal tornado warning.

Your words were these: "Chris, you're not quite cut out for college. Your grades just won't cut it at a college."



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Your best interest may lie in a vo-tech school. There are some good ones around.

Thanks, Gib. Can I call you Gib? Thanks.

Unlike me, I am sure there were some who bought your pseudo-analytic garb of life planning. Believe me, there's nothing wrong with going to vo-tech school. But I have to wonder how many people took your advice—how many business people, how many social workers, and yes, how many journalists you directed away from higher learning.

Your advice almost worked on me, Gib, you made me feel like crap. If you can remember that far back, can you recall how you felt? Though hindsight is 20/20, I still think that if I knew then what I know now, I would have to conclude that, with all due respect, you don't have a clue.

Guidance counselor? All you counseled was bubble gum conformity. I'm not sure what qualified you for that job in the first place.

All this is very vindictive. So be it. Actually, I would like to call you an inspiration. After all, I was determined not to let your words of academic curse stop me. But calling you an "inspiration" would reflect well on you. I'm not ready for that yet.

I think I turned out OK. As I sit two weeks away from graduating, I realize that I've done some good things, traveled to some cool places, and have met the kind of people I would like to surround myself with for the rest of my life. I'd like you to meet Steve Moore, my best friend and crutch. He didn't do so well in

high school, either. But he would have had the guts to tell you to go to hell.

There are others, like Rob Smith, Mark Mjilik, Mark Ernstmann, and JoAnn Hollis, a group of past *Chart* staffers I trust as friends and as journalists. They have paved a smooth path for me here at *The Chart*. They have been successful, and I hope it's contagious.

I'd also like you to meet my newspaper adviser, Chad Stebbins. He pushed me, counseled me, and set me back on track when I reverted to the kind of person who sat in your office that day. I don't think Chad would have told you where you can go. He's not that kind of person, because he's above it. That's why we balance so well.

And, most of all, I'd like you to meet Richard Massa, head of the department of communications and secondary father figure. Since my parents weren't down here to see me through, Mr. Massa filled in. I think everybody needs a Mr. Massa. I know you sure could have used him, Gib.

I hope all of this hasn't turned your cheek, Gib. I'm sure that, down inside (in the depths I assume), you mean well. As high school seniors are very impressionable, I hope there are others at Belton High School who are strong enough to ignore you. They'll do themselves a service.

Maybe we'll meet again someday, Gib. Maybe then, I'll be able to extend my hand, exchange greetings, and prove to you that I made it. Some might call that insecurity.

I call it triumph.

Christopher Clark will be reporting for the Springfield News-Leader after graduation.

## Goodbye, Esteban—nice knowing you

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

About this time every year, seniors scramble to make sure they have taken every course needed for graduation. If you're like me, this cannot be taken for granted.

One group of requirements that often is overlooked, however, is the "college experience requirements." Certainly most of you have taken an ample battery of them. They are what makes college bearable.

The first course in this curriculum usually is taken by freshmen and sophomores and involves the first experience living away from home. In this class, which I took as a sophomore, I learned what paying (and not paying) bills is all about. I also learned just how angry a landlord can be at the sight of Boston creme pies on the floor and a semester's worth of dirty dishes in the sink. I also learned just how many times a pair of jeans can be worn before they offend.

The second course, which, for most of us, takes the entire four years to complete, is a complete study of the effects of sleep deprivation on the human body. Anyone who has ever studied for a final knows about



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this subject. Working for *The Chart* for the past four years, I too have gained a vast amount of experience in the world of dog-tired. Rarely has a week gone by that I haven't tested the sleep-ability of another piece of *Chart* office furniture. Believe me, there is a lot to be said for the firmness of a good layout table. And let's not forget how fun biology lab can be on two hours of sleep.

By the junior or senior year, most of us have had the pleasure of the third course. This is an advanced study in self-sufficient living. This time, as in most advanced courses, it's tougher. There is less money coming from the home front, and, quite likely, more roommates. This is a recipe for disaster. If anyone has ever seen an episode of *The Young Ones*, then you can form a fairly accurate picture of what my second experience on my own was like. I lived with four other *Chart* staff members in a three-bedroom house. That's four times the dishes, four times the garbage, and four times the soap suds. I'm not eating stones, however. If there's one thing I know how to do, it's make a respectable mess of my living quarters.

The fourth and final course in the college experience curriculum also is the favorite, and most highly attended by college students. It is a course in parties. While I cannot claim to walk among the gods when it comes to throwing a good bash, there are certain

good times that stick in my mind. This past Halloween, for instance, *The Chart* threw its First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest. The entire staff, and a few extras, assembled at the Charthouse (as it has become known), ready for the event. With beverages in hand, we all set out to create our masterpiece. All was going well that evening until one of our editors heliously carved an obscenity in place of the mouth on his jack-o-lantern.

In addition to such homebound parties, roadtrips also are in the curriculum. Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Houston, and New Orleans all played host to a madcap gang of *Chart* revelers. Midnight pilgrimages to dance clubs in Tulsa also became necessities as Joplin entertainment began to prove fruitless.

My point in relaying all of this information about my private life is two-fold. It is a chance for a leisurely stroll down memory lane, or memory alley, as the case may be. But more importantly, it is because the experiences I have had at Missouri Southern and on *The Chart* are universal. Hopefully, through reading this you too will take stock of your "college experience requirements."

As I have said before, they are the courses which make college bearable. They are the courses that every student takes, in one form or another. And they are the stuff of reminiscence for years after the party (college) is over. If you are a freshman, get started early—graduation comes quicker than you realize.

Stephen Moore will be attending the Tulane University Law School next fall.

## YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

## Thank-you, 'Chart'

I wanted to thank all of you folks on the staff of *The Chart* for giving me opportunities to express myself about the things that happen on this campus. It is the mark of any type of freedom-code to include free expression of speech.

I have commented on all kinds of things... sometimes I was unkind and at other times I could see this college having growing pains and it would have been unkind to write about that. All in all, the greatest thing about this college is what *The Chart* is all about...freedom to be critical. We all take this for granted at times...but we shouldn't. Hell, you don't have to like me to read what I say!

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## Election must address 'deposit'

This concerns the newly established school policy of requiring a "deposit" before a student is allowed to pre-register for the summer semester. Although the existence of a deposit has gone unnoticed by a majority of the students at MSSC in recent years (concerning the fall and spring semesters), this latest regulation must be challenged.

Perhaps the best way to confront this situation is to ask if this "deposit" is not merely a misnomer. When a student pays such a deposit, the student is credited \$25 toward his or her tuition for the upcoming semester. But what actually happens is the \$25 itself? What we, as students, have failed to grasp is that the money is deposited by way of Wells Fargo at 3:05 p.m. each weekday afternoon at the Mercantile Bank

Joplin and is credited to the account of Missouri Southern—money which will eventually draw interest solely for Missouri Southern State College. And what does the student receive for his or her obligatory role? That's a good question.

Our utter despondency in this matter should not continue. Bureaucratic dictums from the regents of the College, as well as from the office of President Leon, must be constrained or curtailed. We cannot afford to permit invertebrate committees to levy financial decisions upon us without our approval. A general student election must be held next month to address this issue. A recall election must be instituted to oust the current regents of the College.

Randy Scott

## Ending animal cruelty takes effort

OK, I have stayed silent for as long as I can. I have been reading everyone else's opinions about animal's rights, but now I feel it necessary to speak mine. I do, however, find it very encouraging that it is getting so much attention.

I would especially like to address those individuals who find it necessary to attack those of us trying to make a change, which in itself is hard enough to accomplish without having to

deal with "that doesn't really happen" mentality. The animal rights movement is raising issues that are making people uncomfortable. We are making you aware of the cruelty that is occurring (and it does occur) and raising your consciousness. We put faces and feelings to those T-bones,

Please turn to Cruelty, page 5

## THE CHART

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# African nations face regression

Continent must seek inner restructuring

BY OLUSEGUN OBASANJO  
NEW PERSPECTIVES QUARTERLY

[Editor's note: Olusegun Obasanjo was Nigeria's head of state from 1976-79 and is widely regarded as a leading candidate to succeed Javier Perez de Cuellar as Secretary General of the United Nations. He is currently chairman of the African Leadership Forum and a member of the InterAction Council of Former Heads of Government.]

The 1980s have been rightly described as a lost decade for Africa. Whatever economic or social indicators one may choose, virtually all African countries have regressed from where they were at the end of the 1970s and the early 1980s.

The African continent as a whole, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, deteriorated in all essential areas of development. Africa cannot grow enough food to feed its people. Thirteen million in the formal wage sector are unemployed; another 95 million are underemployed. Per capita consumption is declining rapidly.

These numbers alone, however, do not adequately indicate the magnitude of the marginalization Africa has experienced in world affairs, especially in political and strategic terms.

Africa today is not only in an economic crisis dramatized by widespread famine, malnourishment, and abject poverty, compounded by uncontrolled population growth, it is also burdened by serious and frequent violations of human rights from one-party and one-man dictatorships. Ineffective governance, lack of accountability, disregard for the rule of law and denial of rights to minorities have led to internal and regional conflicts and thus excessive military expenditures.

If these trends continue during the 1990s, Africa's marginalization will become complete isolation. It will be "de-linked" from the rest of the globe—a tragic scenario considering the widespread lip service being paid to the concept of "new world order" and development of a "one-world" system.

But, as old political systems break down and a new democratic ideal is enthroned, as economic and civil cooperation is being encouraged, Africa now has a new opportunity for addressing its problems.

This is essentially the responsibility of Africans, because they largely brought about their own marginalization. Yet, while Africans must be the main architects of their fortune or misfortune, it must be appreciated that they also got into their dismal situation because of the actions and reactions of the international community—particularly the major military, political, and economic forces in the world.

The tendency toward isolation of the continent from the mainstream of global activity must be halted. With capital increasingly being directed to such other causes as reconstruction of the Persian Gulf and transformation of Eastern Europe, the current outlook for Africa is not particularly encouraging.

Africans may be tempted to "go it alone" because of a perception of inadequate cooperation from those outside the continent. And disengagement may be appealing to those

outsiders because of a perception that assistance to Africa since the dawn of independence has been unsuccessful and unrewarding. Neither view must be allowed to prevail.

A constructive way must be found to keep those whose actions impinge on Africa for good or ill engaged in the demanding tasks of seeking workable solutions to the continent's problems.

Thus, Africa must redouble its efforts to achieve political and economic improvements. This must include strategies to cope with all-too-familiar economic emergencies; overcome balance-of-payments crises and debilitating debt; improve governance by launching political liberalization; and reconciling the complex task of development with the new demands for environmental sustainability.

How can these daunting tasks be accomplished?

A few months ago, a group of African leaders suggested that a conference patterned along the lines of the European experience with the Helsinki Act and its subsequent process might be a useful model in devising a mechanism for African circumstance.

Such a conference may be a viable option. But it must include both African and non-African members.

The enthusiasm in African and non-African circles that has greeted the idea of a Conference on Security, Stability, Development and Cooperation in Africa (CSSDCA) has, within the past three months, jump-started the process toward convening it.

President Museveni of Uganda, in his capacity as current chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), is hosting in Kampala on May 18-22 a forum on the conference that will be attended by African heads of state and ministers, senior representatives from countries outside Africa, and a representative gathering of professional organizations, business and trade unions, and academic institutions.

The Kampala Forum will finalize the proposal for a CSSDCA, which will then be submitted at the next OAU summit, to be held in early June of 1991 in Abuja, Nigeria. In view of the momentum this conference has acquired, it is hoped that African leaders will then decide to approve the plan and launch its implementation.

The problems confronting Africa are multidimensional, and solutions to them must be multifaceted and coordinated. Security issues have political and economic implications. Economic problems aggravate poverty and invariably heighten social inequities and injustices.

Victims of deprivation and oppression seek redress through sometimes-violent demonstrations that disturb general security. Problems feed on problems.

In Africa, security should go beyond the traditional military definition.

The CSSDCA concept and process represent a "New Hope" or "New Deal" for Africa—an opportunity to reverse the marginalization of the continent. It is a process of reawakening and of stopping consignment of 30 percent of the world's population to irrelevance and historical oblivion.

## EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

### Earthquakes

Worldwide seismic activity rose sharply with a devastating temblor in Central America and several moderate quakes felt in populated areas. Costa Rica and Panama began repairing crumbled highways and bridges ruined by a magnitude 7.4 earthquake that killed more than 100 people and cut export routes for crops vital to the region's economy. Thousands were left homeless by the quake.

The resistance Afghan News Agency, quoting a message from a mujahideen commander in Badakhshan province, said many people may have died in a sharp tremor near the Soviet frontier.

One person was killed and three injured when a quake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale rocked the Anatolia region of Turkey.

Earth movements were also felt in the Philippines, south-central Alaska, the Peruvian capital of Lima, the Ecuadorian capital of Quito, Japan's Hokkaido Island, the Dominican Republic, West Virginia, Utah, and various parts of California.

### Fallout

Soil in parts of Switzerland is still contaminated by radioactive five years after the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor, according to readings by a government health agency. South-eastern Switzerland, the area worst hit by radiation from the catastrophe, still contains excessive levels of cesium 137. Yet, most agricultural products have returned to below accepted levels, the agency said, with the exception of some mushrooms.

### Floods

Almost 20 inches of rainfall during three days flooded areas of northern Uruguay, ending a four-month drought that had parched the region. Swollen rivers forced 2,000 people to evacuate their homes, mostly near the city of Artigas.



### Volcanoes

A volcano on Fernandina Island in the Galapagos began erupting for the first time since 1988. The Charles Darwin Foundation said the activity is not considered dangerous.

In the Philippines, the country's chief volcanologist said that there is a strong possibility that Mt. Pinatubo, 50 miles northwest of Manila, may erupt soon. Raymundo Punongbayan also warned of possible mudflows from ash, spewed recently by Pinatubo's five active vents, if heavy rain occurs.

### Contaminated Rain

Government scientists have detected traces of herbicides throughout the midwestern and northeastern United States, with the highest concentrations occurring in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska. Donald Goolsby of the U.S. Geological Survey said average herbicide

concentrations for all 23 states affected were well below levels considered hazardous in drinking water. The most prevalent chemicals were atrazine, alachlor and metolachlor, all suspected to be cancer-causing agents in humans.

### Euro Chill

A late-season snowstorm then a snap frost in many parts of Europe caused havoc with traffic across the Alps and inflicted severe damage to agriculture. In France, at least 50 percent of the 1991 Bordeaux wine vintage was wiped out by a single night of sub-freezing temperatures. Especially hard hit was the eastern region of Champagne where temperatures dropped to 19 degrees Fahrenheit. Fruit and vegetable crops in Czechoslovakia were also severely damaged. The massive arctic storm brought the first late-April snowfall to the French Riviera in decades, and closed the Leningrad airport for

almost three days. It then went on to produce the worst blizzard in Mongolia since 1980, killing six people and 6,000 head of livestock.

### Giraffe Barbecue

Plans for what is believed to be the world's first giraffe spit-barbecue have drawn outrage from environmentalists in South Africa. The organizers of the event, the Afrikaner Club, plan to shoot and slaughter the animal in western Transvaal province on May 3, then serve it the following day. The 1.3-ton giraffe would be put on a 20-foot-long barbecue grid and, according to the organizers, the cooking should take about 20 hours. Wildlife Society of South Africa director Tony Serran said the planned event was "vulgar" but otherwise "entirely acceptable" since the giraffe is not an endangered species.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

## Foreign aid dictates Nicaragua's future

BY VIOLETA BARRIOS DE CHAMORRO  
NEW PERSPECTIVES QUARTERLY

[Editor's note: Violeta Barrios de Chamorro is president of Nicaragua. Last week marked the first anniversary of her presidency, which replaced the Sandinista government on April 25, 1990, following elections in February 1990.]

The war has stopped. Nicaragua is in peace and is promoting peace in the region. The size of our army and officer corps has been reduced by 60 percent, from 86,000 to 27,000. And recently we arrested seven Nicaraguans for their role in illegally transferring arms to the Salvadoran rebels.

After 50 years of being ruled by the Somoza family and 11 years under the Sandinistas, there is no longer any censorship in Nicaragua. There is freedom of the press and freedom for travel for Nicaraguans. Amnesty has helped heal the wounds of war and foster reconciliation. These accomplishments of my first year in office provide, I believe, the basis for taking on the immense task of reconstruction that now faces us.

At the moment, Nicaragua is one of the poorest nations in the world. On top of that, my government has inherited billions of dollars in debt from the previous Sandinista administration. Our disgrace is that their mismanagement has made us a bankrupt nation.

I have accepted these debts because I believe there is no other way

to reconstruct Nicaragua economically. Who will invest here or lend to us unless we get rid of these debts? And how will we have enough economic strength to guarantee our democracy without such loans and investments?

In foreign policy, this means that we want to work with any friendly countries that support the reconstruction of Nicaragua. The most pressing issue now is the \$365 million in arrears we owe to the World Bank and the International Development Bank (IDB). This is crucial because we cannot obtain any further loans for development until those overdue loan payments are cleared.

Everything else depends on this first step. That is why I was very happy with my recent visit to Washington. Not only did President Bush pledge a sizable contribution toward making those loan payments—probably around \$75 million—but he also agreed to use his influence with the Japanese and others to garner more assistance. And just this week, Spain, knowing the difficulties of transition to democracy, pledged \$70 million to help remove our foreign debt.

The U.S. support, in particular, will be critical for us at a special meeting of World Bank and IDB donors that will convene in Paris May 15-17 to find a way to eliminate our back debts. I've placed all my hopes on that meeting, after which we may expect to see new lending—not just to the Nicaraguan government, but to private enterprise as

well. For now, we have no money. Without new loans, we can do nothing. As we say in Nicaragua, which has a drenched winter and a baking hot summer, without the rains you can't plow the land.

Now, for instance, the U.S. AID (Agency for International Development) has given us a donation for the specific purpose of revamping school textbooks, from pre-school to high school. Not only will the aid go accountably for the purpose it was given, but I have let people know in my speeches: "Thanks to AID, we've been able to change our schoolbooks."

The privatization of the Nicaraguan economy and the return of confiscated property are also high on the agenda of my administration. During the Sandinista government, about 50 percent of the economy became state-owned—including the large coffee, cattle, and cotton industries, such as Agromax. Our intention is to return these firms to private hands.

In the next couple of weeks, I will introduce legislation in the National Assembly authorizing privatization. However, as we agreed with the Sandinistas during the election last year, land which was given to the peasants under land reform, and which they now occupy, will remain theirs.

Finally, while we don't want to abandon the idea of the nation, or national culture, we must accept the fact that small Central American countries are not economically viable units on their own. Their inter-

nal markets are too small.

That is why we have taken the lead in reviving the Central American Common Market and are seeking free trade agreements with Mexico and Venezuela. Within the Central American Common Market, we are hoping to eliminate tariffs on trade altogether on trade among Central Americans and to reduce tariffs on imports to the region to only 20 percent by next year.

Like all Central America, Nicaragua must orient its economy toward exports, especially as the new North American free trade zone takes shape. Once we rehabilitate our traditional exports, such as coffee, cotton, and cattle, then we will need to diversify, including the development of industries that can process our traditional products here in Nicaragua.

During my first year as president, we have tried to erase the errors of the previous government in Nicaragua so that we can begin shaping a true democracy with a clean slate. We have been serious and responsible in this endeavor, and I think the world recognizes we have changed.

My recent visit to Washington shows that we now have good relations with the United States. King Juan Carlos of Spain just visited Managua last week. My tour of Europe last month convinced me that Europeans, too, see a new Nicaragua. With that kind of support, and with the new atmosphere of peace at home, I am confident we will be able to "plow the land" once again in my country.

## Essence of Africa seen in its people

BY BONNIE HARMON  
SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

Daktari! Daktari! Daktari! Quickly, Quickly! How often I heard those words. They seemed to be a constant reminder that one's dreams are not always one's reality.

It has been almost a year since I have seen my mother and sister, who moved to Kenya, a country in East Africa. My mother is a physician, who after practicing medicine in Missouri for nearly 30 years, decided to sell everything here in the states and move with my sister Connie to Nairobi, Kenya, two years ago.

Kenya in all of its grandeur and remoteness somehow appealed to my mother Marjorie, who had begun to grow disenchanted with her life here in the states. No one could fathom why she could do such a thing, but we all knew better than to try and change her mind.

Whenever I thought of Africa, I pictured the books I had read and all of the National Geographic specials I had watched. I remember taking

quick glances at the natives, who for some reason wore no clothes. I remember, too, the animals and how majestic and glorious they seemed. No boundaries on them, no cares of the world. The graceful and elegant giraffes, the sleek, powerful cats, and, of course, the elephants.

I was in Kenya during June and July of 1990. My 18-hour plane ride covered 8,000 miles and three continents. I got into Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, around 3 p.m. I still couldn't believe I was there—in Africa.

After staying in Nairobi for three days, my mother and sister and I set off for Nanyuki, a small town almost 100 miles away. As we drove through the countryside, I was able to drink in all that was around me. The sheer beauty of the place took my breath away. There were crops of every description growing—bananas, mangoes, coffee, and tea. Many of these crops were grown on family plots of an eighth of an acre in size.

What caught my eye as we drove was the people. Everyone was on foot, walking beside or in the road,

Cars are an extreme luxury—the per capita income for Kenya is only \$400 a year. Men, women, children of all ages, shapes, and sizes walked past us as we drove. I didn't know whether to smile or wave, for fear of offending someone. My mother laughed and assured me that there was no taboo against waving or smiling in Kenya.

So, rather timidly, I started waving at a group of children who were along side us. Their immediate responses were the biggest, brightest smiles I have ever seen. They shouted "Jamba, Jamba!" at me, which I later learned meant "hello" in Swahili, the official language of Kenya.

We reached my family's home atop a rocky and beaten path in just under four hours. My mother's home was a little wooden bungalow, complete with all of the household furniture that she had shipped over. There was electricity and running water, which for some reason surprised me. I guess I thought that my mother and sister would be living in a grass hut, though I knew better.

I planned to stay the whole sum-

mer in Kenya, but I got homesick for my Big Mac's and regular television. I felt guilty about leaving. I think because I was giving up and going back home, while the people in Kenya had to stay behind. I found, though, that all of the people I met were very happy and content. Because they had nothing, Kenyans had no layers of facade that we as Americans possess. Everyday is a struggle, and nothing is taken for granted. I have not forgotten a detail about my trip to Africa.

The greatest lesson learned was from my mother, who told me, "It's easy to come to Kenya and see only the animals, but I've found the people to be the most precious natural resource. So many tourists come to see the animals and fail to see the people who are right in front of them." After only a few days in Kenya, I realized that my mother was right. If only I could bottle the essence of Africa, I would be a rich woman.

I plan on returning to Kenya sometime this summer after I graduate. I may be a rich woman yet.

### Freedom/From Page 4

For four years I have listened as profs told us about the heroes of academia...you know the ones...Maslow, Skinner, Marx, and so on. All these heroes were supposed to help us stretch our horizons! Well, I don't know about all that crapola...but I do know that reinforcing our ability to be critical of anyone's hero has to be healthy!

I just wanted to say goodbye to all my friends on the faculty and among the student body. It's been real! It's been nice! But, it ain't been real nice!

Michael Penn Lee Herndon  
Graduating senior

### Cruelty/From Page 4

lamb chops, and real scallopine, as well as forcing you to look behind closed laboratory doors. After making you actually have to think, you feel threatened or guilty, then feel the need to lash out at those of us trying to make a difference thus soothing your conscience (the "if they're not perfect why should I try at all" mentality).

Ending cruelty to animals will take the combined efforts of everyone. Those of us making any effort should be congratulated and encouraged, not attacked. We are the minority, constantly ignoring the "there is nothing you can do to stop it" mentality. Instead of scrutinizing every aspect of the animal rights

movement (and those of us associated with it) choose a portion of it you agree with and act on it. Stop buying fur coats, wearing tested cosmetics, or attending roadside animal attractions and eventually, you may understand the rest.

The human species is supposed to be the most advanced and intelligent of all species, and yet we continue with a caveman mentality, slaughtering, wasting, and destroying the very world we live in. Animal rights groups are hell-bent set on making a difference. Maybe it's time you should, too!

Janine Neff  
People for Animal Welfare



# Students collect honors in competition last week

SIFE wins 'best in region', earns right to attend nationals

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students who participate in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization were recognized last week for their hard work and achievements.

During the regional competition April 25-26 in Fort Worth, Texas, the Missouri Southern group received recognition for being the best in the region. The region consisted of 20 institutions from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Missouri.

Besides winning a trophy, the students also received a \$1,500 cash prize and all of their expenses paid to both the regional competition and the national competition.

Southern's team is comprised of Mickie Boyd, a senior marketing and management major; Brad Hodson, a senior economics and finance major; and Marsha Stone, a senior marketing and management major.

The group will travel to Kansas City on May 19 to compete in the national competition.

At the conference, students were judged by 29 corporate executives while they presented an oral discussion explaining what types of programs the SIFE has been involved in

during the past year.

"Our competition was actually only on the 26th," said Terry Marion, associate professor of business and adviser for the group. "We had a conference the night before, kind of a preliminary. They get to associate with each judge."

The next day the group presented its talk to the judges during a 30-minute time period. Included was a mandatory five-minute question and answer session.

Marion said one thing which the judges found unusual concerning the Southern group is the amount of time it spent researching topics.

"That's probably what is different about us, that we spend a lot more time researching," Marion said. "That's what the judges seem to make comments about."

According to Marion, SIFE is a national organization with approximately 340 colleges participating.

"The goal is to promote free market economics," he said. "They can do this in anyway they want. There are no rules or regulations, since they believe in less regulations."

Marion said the SIFE group at Southern is not a campus organization because it does not receive money from the Student Senate.

"These are students who are

volunteers, or some of them get independent study credits for research-type projects," he said.

Throughout the year, the SIFE group at Southern has been involved in many activities, including a puppet show. The group began the show, based on a chocolate chip enterprise, in 1978 when SIFE first started here.

"It's the oldest program; it has been shown to something like 12,000 to 15,000 kids over the years. This last year, probably more like 500 to 600," Marion said.

He said the puppet show is accompanied by a coloring book.

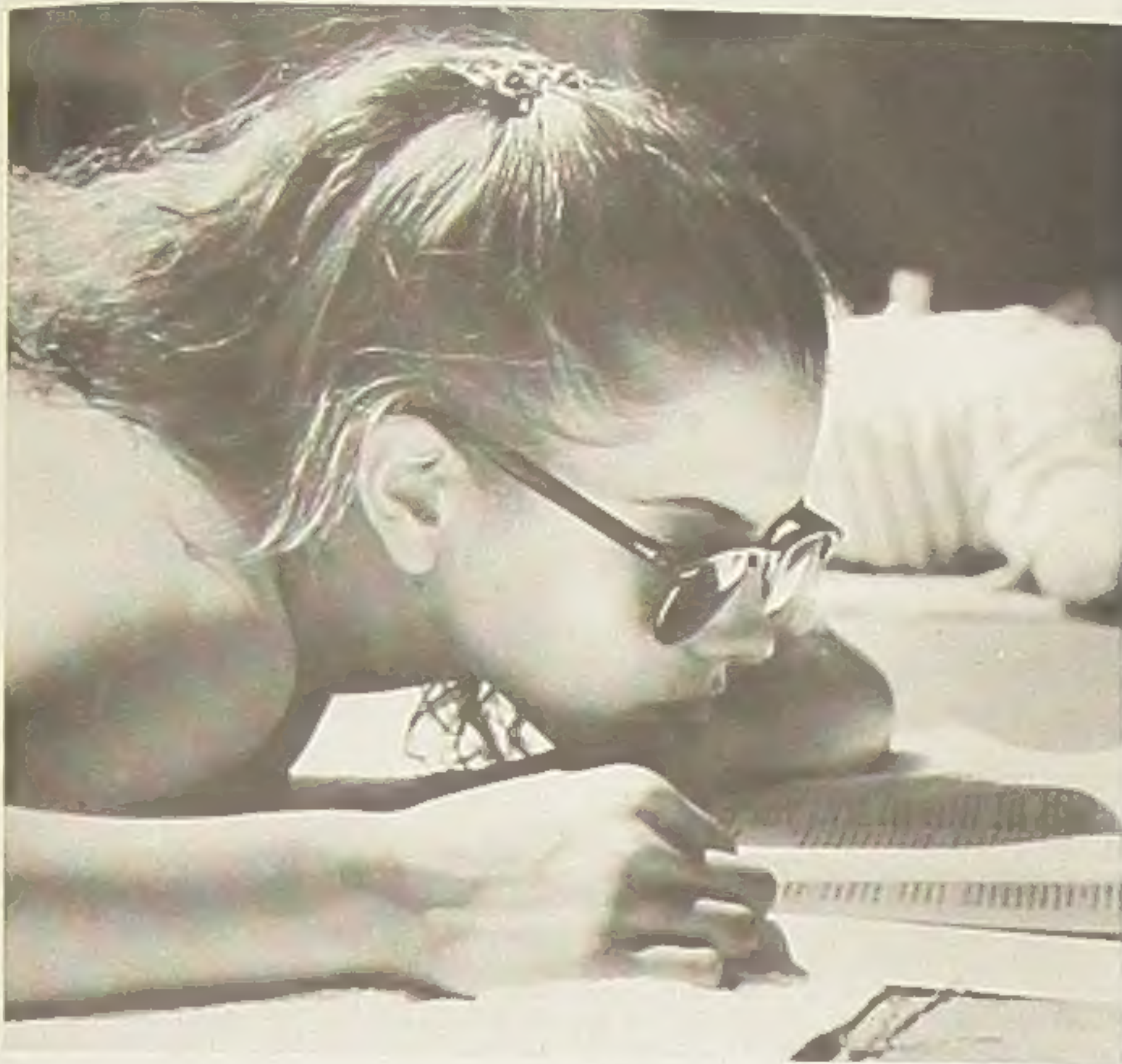
During the one-person puppet show, the children who attend not only watch but also participate in the actual performance.

"It's kind of unique, in that each kid plays a role career or an expense in the puppet show," he said, "and [the students] get a cartoon character, which [the student] carries throughout the show."

Marion said throughout the show, the children earn Monopoly money which at the end of the show they can trade in for a chocolate chip cookie.

The group also has been involved in research exploring the private alternatives to prison systems.

## CATCHING SOME RAYS



Karla Harrison, freshman communications major, studies her English assignment Tuesday while she and some friends enjoyed the afternoon sunshine. Temperatures on Tuesday reached the mid-80s.

## Upcoming Events

### TODAY

#### May 2

Honors Signing Ceremony: 11 a.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

Honors Luncheon: Noon, Keystone Room, BSC

Young Democrats: 2-15 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Honors Meeting: 2:30 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

### TOMORROW

#### May 3

### SATURDAY

#### May 4

Splish Splash: Zeta Tau Alpha canoe trip

SMSC Meeting: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

Rugby: 2 p.m., vs. Fort Leavenworth, here

### SUNDAY

#### May 5

Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

### MONDAY

#### May 6

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

Academic Affairs Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

ECM: Noon, Rm. 310, BSC

Lecture: Robert Dunning, English history, 1 p.m., Matthews Hall auditorium

Oxford Orientation Session: 3 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Math League Awards: 5 p.m., Keystone Room, BSC

Lecture: Robert Dunning, Authorian legends, 7:30 p.m., Matthews Hall auditorium

### TUESDAY

#### May 7

Capital American Meeting: All day, Rm. 313, BSC

Barryville Honor Students: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Keystone Room, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC

Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Youth 1000 Meeting: 1 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Dental Practice: 1:30 p.m.-2 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

G.L.B. Support Group: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

### WEDNESDAY

#### May 8

Wellness Weigh-In: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m., Keystone Room, BSC

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC

ROTC Awards: 2 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

CAB Dance: 9 p.m.-midnight, biology pond

### THURSDAY

#### May 9

Reading Day

Nursing Board Meeting: 8 a.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

Wellness Luncheon: Noon, Keystone Room, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

Honors Committee Luncheon: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

American Business Women's Dinner: 6 p.m., Rm. 307, BSC

### FRIDAY

#### May 10

##### FINALS

Dental Practice: 10 a.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

CAB Appreciation Banquet: 6:30 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

### SATURDAY

#### May 11

Delta Kappa Gamma Brunch: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Rm. 310, BSC

### SUNDAY

#### May 12

Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

### MONDAY

#### May 13

##### FINALS

Capital American Meeting: All day, Rm. 313, BSC

Yearbook Distribution: All day, east stairwell, BSC

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Academic Policies: 3 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

### TUESDAY

#### May 14

##### FINALS

Yearbook Distribution: All Day, east stairwell, BSC

Administration Council: 8 a.m.-9 a.m., Rm. 310, BSC

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Superintendents Luncheon: Noon, Rm. 310, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC

Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

G.L.B. Support Group: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

### WEDNESDAY

#### May 15

##### FINALS

Yearbook Distribution: All day, east stairwell, BSC

GED Test: 7:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m., Keystone Room, BSC

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC

Investment Meeting: 7 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

### THURSDAY

#### May 16

##### FINALS

Yearbook Distribution: All day, east stairwell, BSC

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

### FRIDAY

#### May 17

Orientation Training: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC

Dental Capping and Pinning Ceremony: 10 a.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

Commissionary Ceremony: 1 p.m., Rm. 314, BSC

### SATURDAY

#### May 18

President's Office Breakfast: 9 a.m., Keystone Room, BSC

Commencement: 10:30 a.m., Fred Hughes Stadium

## Biology Club picks up

BY P.J. GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Picking garbage along the banks of Turkey Creek may become a regular event next year for Missouri Southern's Biology Club.

Similar to the Environmental Club's Adopt-A-Highway project, the Biology Club may adopt a stretch of Turkey Creek to keep clean. Leigh Ann Anderson, the club's president, said a stream would make more sense than a road for her club.

"We thought a 'stream team' thing would be more appropriate," she said. "I think it's a good idea."

Though the plan has not been officially adopted by the group, the club participated in the Turkey Creek Stream Team's clean-up of the area Saturday.

"We found an area where people had just dumped garbage," Anderson said. "We did separate out glass, tin, aluminum, and plastic to be recycled."

The club spent two-and-a-half hours working with four or five other groups to clean up the creek.

While deciding whether to permanently help in the clean-up of Turkey Creek, the club has been working on cleaning out brush behind the biology pond in order to introduce new plant species. But Anderson says there still is much work to be done.

"It's an on-going project," she said. "But a great deal has been cleared."

Anderson said the plants chosen "will be more appropriate for wildlife" and will make the area more beneficial for classes that use the pond to teach biology and botany.

"That area is a great teaching tool," she said.

## CAB plans 'Aloha' luau

BY MICHELLE HARMS  
STAFF WRITER

A year-end celebration will be sponsored by the Campus Activities Board from 8 p.m. to midnight Wednesday at the biology pond.

"The dance will have a theme similar to that of a Hawaiian luau," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities.

The theme of the dance is "Aloha," which means hello and goodbye.

"I thought it was appropriate because it gives everyone the chance to say goodbye," said Angie Brasfield, dance chairperson for the CAB.

In keeping with the luau theme, Brasfield said the food at the event also will be Hawaiian.

"We are going to have little shish kebabs on toothpicks," she said, "and a tray of tropical fruit."

The decorations for the dance also will be centered around the theme. They will include palm trees and other things found in Hawaii.

The music for the dance is being provided by A Touch of Class, with Juan Triplett acting as the deejay.

Revamping the pond also should make the area more serviceable for the groups touring the biology pond.

The Biology Club also has been helping to teach about the tools of science. Anderson said the group has been teaching classes at Joplin's Cecil Floyd Elementary School in microscope use.

"It just seemed like a natural thing to do," she said. "We've done 14 classes total, and we still have four or five more."

Anderson said she hopes teaching the classes creates more interest in science, which she said is a subject often overlooked by the schools.

"I think that science education is a small part of their curriculum," she said.

The club tries to add other educational benefits to its agenda, including having several speakers at its meetings. The variety of topics vary, but Anderson says they usually are "something with a strong emphasis on biology."

Some of the speakers included John Couper, who co-habitated with woolly monkeys in England; Terri Whachter, from St. John's Regional Medical Center; and Dr. Danny Overdeer, assistant professor of education and owner of several gila monsters.

With most of its activities finished for this semester, the club now is focusing on next year's officers. The Biology Club will elect its president and vice president this semester, saving the election of the other officers until the fall semester.

Anderson said the reason behind the move is to let more students, who currently have scheduling problems preventing them from attending club meetings, to have a chance next year to become an officer.

Triplett also was the D.J. for Southern's St. Patrick's Day dance.

The event is free to all students. "We have never had a dance this late in the semester, and we thought we would see how many people feel like celebrating," Carlisle said.

Brasfield said several contests are being planned for the dance, with prizes being awarded. Two Worlds of Fun tickets, two Oceans of Fun tickets, gift certificates from Garfield's Restaurant, and other businesses at Northpark Mall are among the prizes.

Carlisle said she hoped upcoming finals would not discourage people from turning out.

"Wednesday is the last day of school," Carlisle said. "We decided to celebrate it with a dance that would be relaxing and fun to come to."

In case of inclement weather, the dance will be moved inside to the Lions' Den.

"Since Wednesday is the day before reading day, we hope to have a lot of people attend," Carlisle said.

Brasfield said the CAB wanted to provide students the opportunity to end the semester "with a bang."



## Seniors to show works at Spiva

BY JAN GARDNER  
ARTS EDITOR

Four students from Missouri Southern will be displaying their works during the Senior Art Show, which opens at 2 p.m. Sunday in Spiva Art Center and runs through May 10.

The students exhibiting works are Janey Means, an art education major from Aurora; Scott Grissom, a graphic communication major from Saginaw; Cheryl Ford, an art education major from Goodman; and Bobbie Lawrence, a studio art major from Joplin.

The show will feature a cross section of the students' work in areas such as graphic design, painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry, ceramics, and video production.

"Each graduating senior needs to put on a show typical of the work they have accomplished during their four years at Southern," said David Noblett, associate professor of art. "The work is a broad spectrum of graphic design and fine art examples."

Some of the featured works include a study of Mayan art done by Lawrence.

"She's working with the Mayan technique," Noblett said. "It's kind of a design pattern that includes working with hard-edge shapes."

The exhibit officially opens at 2 p.m. Sunday with a reception in the Spiva Art Center.

"The artists will be there," Noblett said. "Anyone who wants to can talk to them. It gives the artists a chance to explain what they were trying to accomplish with their artwork."

The senior exhibit is in conjunction with the second annual Southern Arts Fair. Remaining arts fair events includes performances by the Concert Choral and Southern Exposure in a spring choral concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

## THE CRAFTER'S TOUCH



Nine-year old Susan Patterson, Joplin, performs rigid heddle loom weaving for a belt during Sunday's "Arts and Flowers" on the oval.

KATLEA HUTSON/The Chart

## 'Showtime' singing group performs 'the best in life'

BY JAN GARDNER  
ARTS EDITOR

Making a stop during its tour of the southeastern United States, *Showtime Company* will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Taylor Auditorium.

A student group from Ricks College, which is owned and operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons) and is the largest private two-year college in the nation, *Showtime Company* will perform "The Best Things in Life," a musical exploration of some of the "most fulfilling times in a person's life."

John Anderson, *Showtime's* public relations director, said the purpose of the group is multi-fold.

"Their purpose is to help young people to have good entertainment," he said. "To present each show with excellence, to communicate a feeling of brotherhood, hope, and love, both on and off stage."

Directed by Russell Bice, former director of USO World Headquarters, *Showtime Company* consists of 13 singers and dancers backed by a nine-piece orchestra directed by Wilson Brown.

Brown, a longtime conductor and pianist for *The Lettermen*, is a member of the Ricks College faculty, teaching jazz band, song-writing, and dance classes.

"The Best Things in Life" is broken up into various sections, depicting outstanding moments in the lives of youth.

The childhood section features a medley of songs from *The Little Mermaid*, including "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World," and "Poor Unfortunate Souls."

A Broadway section features hits from *Gypsy* and *Funny Girl*, including "42nd Street," "I'm the Greatest Star," and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

Highlights from the romance section include "Leaning on a Lamp-post," "Someone Else's Story," and "You Wanna Be My Friend?" as well as a tribute to the 1960s with such songs as "Sixteen Candles," "My Boyfriend's Back," "Special Angel," and "Downtown."

## SHOWTIME COMPANY



Photo courtesy Showtime Company

*Showtime Company* of Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, will perform "The Best Things in Life" at 7:30 Saturday in Taylor Auditorium.

The second half of the show will feature a country jamboree titled "Raise a Ruckus," complete with western clogging and hillbilly antics. The show concludes with a salute to freedom as *Showtime* performs "One Light" and "From a Distance."

The group, a not-for-profit troupe, covers its expenses by collecting the remainder of ticket sales after deducting expenses for production costs.

*Showtime Company* has toured Canada, South Africa, and the British Isles since 1979. Last summer, the group completed a five-week tour to England, Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

"*Showtime* is primarily a con-

temporary or popular musical touring company whose mission is to build an image of excellence for Ricks College," Bice said. "Academically, *Showtime* prepares students for further training in performing arts while providing practical and semiprofessional performance experiences."

Tickets for the show are \$3 for individuals, including Missouri Southern students, and \$10 per family. Ticket information may be obtained by calling 625-9366. A limited number of complimentary tickets have been made available by *Showtime* for Southern students in the music and theatre departments.

## MSTV spotlights Indian heritage

Show hopes to dispel misconceptions about native Americans

BY PHYLLIS PERRY  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Indian chiefs from northeast Oklahoma currently are being interviewed for an "Indian Heritage" series, a production of Missouri Southern Television.

According to Judy Stiles, director of community services for MSTV, the half-hour programs will air at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning May 16 on cable channel 18 in Joplin and Webb City, cable channel 12 in Carthage, and K57DR UHF channel 57.

"It (the series) is a good tie between the upcoming Heritage Festival and the rich Indian heritage of our community," said Stiles.

The chiefs are being interviewed by Beverly Neal, Carthage Main Street project manager, and have been encouraged to present tribal artifacts during the programs.

An interview with Charles Dawes, chief of the Ottawas, is scheduled to begin the series. Neal plans to also air interviews with at least six of the eight chiefs in the Northeastern Oklahoma Inter-tribal Council. These include Louis Myers, chief of the Peorias; George Captain, chief of the Eastern Shawnees; and James Allen, chief of the Seneca-Cayugas.

"We do want to create some interest for the pow-wow by doing this series," said Neal concerning the upcoming Carthage Heritage Festival and pow-wow. "But we also want to

take the opportunity to clean up some misconceptions."

Each chief, said Neal, will be asked questions concerning the original location of his tribe, traditional lifestyles prior to relocation, dates and circumstances of relocation, present locations, customs and traditions that survived relocation, and current issues facing the tribes.

"For this series, we're just trying to concentrate on the northeastern Oklahoma tribes because they are so close to us," said Neal.

However, the performers in the Carthage festival will represent several states, including an estimated 150-200 traditional dancers arriving for the pow-wow.

Neal said Indian clothing and artifacts will be shown during the Carthage Heritage Festival scheduled for June 14-16 at the Municipal Park. Although relocated in Oklahoma and other Indian territories, those native to this area, called "woodland" Indians, are known for the natural designs used in artwork rather than the better-known geometric patterns of the plains Indians which long have been featured in popular films.

Although Missouri has no federally recognized Indian tribes, Neal says about 35 recognized tribes still exist in Oklahoma, and misconceptions about present-day Indians abound.

Carthage began holding Heritage Festivals two years ago. Last year's Civil War Battle of Carthage re-

enactment attracted 10,000 people, according to Neal. The Carthage Main Street organization is concerned with revitalizing existing Carthage businesses, recruiting more businesses, and presenting promotional "to bring people to Carthage for positive experiences," said Neal, who calls Carthage Main Street a "downtown revitalization organization."

"We are not for profit," she said, "and [we] are supported by contributions."

For instance, Precious Moments Chapel is underwriting both the Heritage Festival and the pow-wow this year.

Other planned activities include exhibits at the Powers Museum on West Oak Street and a community band concert on the square.

A monument dedicated to the Osage War of 1837 also will be placed on the courthouse lawn in remembrance of the original native inhabitants of this area.

After the Osage War, the Osage were relocated to Oklahoma along with many other tribes.

"We've all heard of the Cherokee Trail of Tears," says Neal, "[but] each tribe has its own trail of tears."

"The celebration of an area's heritage is important," she said. "If we understand where we came from, it helps us understand what we are today, and Missouri often overlooks its Indian heritage. Main Street Carthage is very pleased to bring that to the forefront."

## Coming Attractions

### MUSIC

#### Joplin

**St. Louis Symphony Orchestra:** 8 p.m. Friday, Taylor Auditorium; Tickets: \$18, \$15, \$10, 625-0360

**Showtime Company:** "The Best Things in Life"; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Taylor Auditorium; 624-3748

**Gloria Jardon:** Student piano recital; 7:30 p.m. Monday, Taylor Auditorium

**Choral Society Concert:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, Taylor Auditorium

**Spring Choral Concert:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Taylor Auditorium

#### Springfield

**Guy Lombardo's Orchestra:** With the Royal Canadians; Community Concert Association; 881-6281

#### Tulsa

**"Madama Butterfly":** Saturday, May 9, 11; Chapman Music Hall, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-582-6435

#### Kansas City

**UMKC Conservatory Orchestra:** 7:30 p.m. tomorrow; White Recital Hall; 235-2700

**Independence Symphony Orchestra:** 8:30 p.m. Sunday, William Chrisman Auditorium; 356-2588

#### St. Louis

**Orchestral Concert:** Leonard Slatkin, conductor, Tonight and Sunday, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; 534-1700

**St. Louis Philharmonic:** Tomorrow, Kiel Auditorium; 569-8520

### ART

#### Joplin

**Senior Art Show:** Featuring Janet Means, Scott Grissom, Cheryl Ford, Bobbie Lawrence, Monday through May 13; Spiva Art Center

#### Springfield

**All School Show:** Thru May 9; Cox Art Gallery, Drury College; 665-8731, Ext. 263

**All School Show:** Thru May 9, Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

#### Tulsa

**"The Landscape in 20th Century American Art:** Selections from the Metropolitan Museum of Art"; Sunday thru June 9; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

**George Bellows Lithographs:** 35 work exhibition, Thru June 3; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-748-5314

#### Kansas City

**Brookside Art Annual:** Tomorrow thru Sunday; 941-0909

**"Art in the Woods":** May 14-19; Corporate Woods Bldg.; 381-5252

#### St. Louis

**Meg Webster Exhibit:** Two dimensional works by environmental sculptor; Thru May 19; Missouri Botanical Garden; 577-5100

**Moon Rock Exhibit:** Retrieved during Apollo 15 flight; Thru May 31; St. Louis Science Center; 269-4400

**Photographic Light Boxes:** by Alfredo Jaar; On display thru May 19; Laumeyer Sculpture Park; 821-1209

### THEATRE

#### Joplin

**"Nonsense":** Directed by William Perry III; May 15-19, Joplin Little Theatre; 623-3638

#### Springfield

**"A Collection of Children's Stories":** Springfield Ballet; May 15-19; Vandivort Theatre; 862-1343

**"The Reunion":** A musical comedy; Tomorrow thru May 25 (weekends); Stained Glass Theatre; 869-9018

#### Tulsa

**"Harvey":** Thru Saturday, Williams Theatre, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-747-9494

#### Kansas City

**"Reckless":** 8 p.m. Wednesdays thru Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays, Thru May 12; Unicorn Theatre; 531-7529

**"Camille":** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays thru Sundays; 3:30 p.m. Sundays, Thru May 12; Martin City Melodrama and Vaudeville; 942-7576

**"The Boys Next Door":** 8 p.m. Tuesdays thru Saturdays; Thru May 19; Sunday matinees; Missouri Repertory Theatre; 235-2700

**"Smoke on the Mountain":** Thru May 31; Tiffany's Attic Dinner Playhouse; 561-7529

#### St. Louis

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## Conflict may stall jail plan

BY JOHN FORD  
STAFF WRITER

City jail space may be leased to Jasper County if the sheriff's department decides to accept an offer by Joplin city officials. According to Leonard Martin, city manager, Joplin has offered to lease jail space for \$1 to house prisoners serving short sentences while the Jasper County jail in Carthage undergoes remodeling. The city jail averages about six prisoners a day, with most people arrested in Joplin making bond, Martin said.

However, the GRW Corporation, an architecture firm based in Brentwood, Tenn., has viewed the jail and deemed it to be unsuitable for the county's use. The firm also is in charge of planning the remodeling of the Jasper County jail.

"The county looked at it with their architects, and they did not like our jail," said Martin.

One area man, Mike Moore, an advertising sales representative for KOAM, said during the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce's "eggs and issues" breakfast last week that having the same architect look at both jails constituted a conflict of interest.

"That architecture firm saying the jail wasn't a good project when they're the same ones doing the remodeling work over on the Jasper County jail—that's a conflict of interest," Moore said. "It looks to me that they want to have the better, more expensive project."

Martin said he agreed with Moore, but would not comment further.

"I think that Mr. Moore said it all during 'eggs and issues,'" he said.

County commissioners, working with State Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), will form a citizens' committee in the near future to investigate the possible conflict of interest as well as research the possibility of having a jail which serves the Joplin area.

According to Martin, one item which may come up in the future is the possibility of having a regional jail. This facility, although it may not be located in Joplin, could house prisoners arrested here and inmates from Jasper and Newton counties.

"It could even be more than two counties," he said. "Newton County is trying to build a new jail. Jasper County needs a new jail, we're working with the county to get them to use our jail, so there is definitely a need."

"When you duplicate facilities, you duplicate your overhead. We need one jail in a neutral location to save the taxpayers' money."

Consolidation is becoming a fact of life now. The government has got to figure out ways to provide citizens with excellent services, at the cheapest dollar amount possible.

Officials said they would look into all options prior to reaching a final decision.

## ME AND MY PROP



Chella Laurance, hostess for Travetti's restaurant, displays a menu. The Italian eatery opened Monday.

## Travetti's combines full service, atmosphere to attract clientele

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A familiar name in Joplin eateries has opened shop at 20th and Range Line.

Jim Wilkinson, owner of Wilkinson's Restaurant, has opened Travetti's, an Italian restaurant, virtually across the street from Wilkinson's Restaurant.

According to Wilkinson's daughter and Travetti's assistant manager Stephanie Wilkinson, the closeness of the sister restaurants will not hurt either one.

"The styles are so different," she said. "One is barbecue, and this one (Travetti's) is Italian."

Wilkinson said the benchmark of the new restaurant will be its atmosphere and service.

"When people eat out, they like to have more than just a meal; they like to have an experience," she said. "We train our servers to be aware of that."

According to Wilkinson, Travetti's has had the opportunity to provide a lot of people with just such an experience.

"Since we opened on Monday, we have been pretty busy," she said. "Tuesday night, for instance, we had an hour wait."

Prices at Travetti's range from \$3.95 to \$5.50 for lunches and \$5.95 to \$15.95 for dinners. The menu also features a large selection of appetizers and a wine list.

"We encourage the servers to suggest wine," Wilkinson said. "We've found that people like it with Italian food. In fact, we went through a case of White Zinfandel in the first two days."

The servers at Travetti's open and serve the wine at the table as part of the service. According to Wilkinson, the full service feel is what diners are looking for.

"People are getting tired of the fast food," she said. "They enjoy sitting down to a relaxing meal, and we wanted to provide an upscale restaurant."

This attention to service, coupled with the location, are the advantages Wilkinson says Travetti's has over other Italian restaurants in Joplin.

"This is where it's at," she said.

"This is where the Rafter's (Restaurant) used to be, so it is a quite well-known location."

"The competition is pretty tough, but from what I've heard we are more into service; the others are mainly more fast food."

Travetti's has a lounge and eventually hopes to develop a steady business there as well.

"For now, the lounge is serving mainly as an overflow for the dining room, but when we get on our feet we will probably have a happy hour or something."

According to Wilkinson, when Travetti's took over the building it completely remodeled the interior.

"We added interior walls and turned what was once part of the lounge area into a dining area," she said. "We added new carpet and tried to achieve a garden cafe type of look."

Wilkinson said she thinks Travetti's will be popular despite the large number of restaurants on Range Line.

"We plan on being here a long time," she said.

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Joplin Parks Board presently is studying the fee structure of area recreational services in an attempt to better live within the tight budgets all city agencies face, according to Jack Golden, Joplin parks director.

"The board is looking at all fees," he said. "As a rule the fees for many of our services are low compared to other area communities."

According to Golden, the board will look at fees charged for such services as cemeteries, swimming pools,

and user fees at Memorial Hall. He also said the fees of the public golf courses eventually may be adjusted.

"There is a small gap at the courses between revenues and expenditures," he said. "We would hope to close that somewhat."

Golden said privatization of some of the services is another option under consideration.

"We have already planned to turn the running of the concession stands at pools over to individuals," he said. "If this works well, we may do this with the pools themselves."

Golden says the answer to present budget problems is to work with

## Block grant funds earmarked for plan

City proposal provides for \$675,000

BY JOHN FORD  
STAFF WRITER

An administrative proposal to put most of a block grant into a neighborhood improvement plan was approved by the Joplin City Council Monday.

The \$785,000 Joplin will receive in community development block grant funds later this year probably will be set aside to a fund earmarked for such groups as HUD, the federal Housing and Urban Development program.

The city staff proposal will receive more than \$675,000 of the total amount, if fully funded. The neighborhood to receive funding has yet to be selected.

According to Leonard Martin, city manager, the improvement project could be spread over a two-year period, and he would seek volunteer labor so more money could be used for materials.

The plan will allocate \$240,000 for housing rehabilitation grants to owner-occupied homes, or those homes which are not rental property. An additional \$250,000 will be allocated for public improvements in the target area, with \$90,000 going for economic development projects, \$25,000 for a weatherization and emergency repair program for low-income home owners, \$15,000 for improvements to the intersection of St. Louis Avenue and North Street, and \$108,000 for administrative costs and contingency funds.

The city had previously targeted neighborhoods for rehabilitation and public improvement projects, but the grants were much larger then. This year's grant amount is the most the city has received since 1985, when it received \$854,000.

Approximately \$93,509 in funds tentatively has been budgeted for projects outside of city hall. Ten organizations made requests totaling more than \$450,000.

Many of the Council members said the funding requests were worthy of their support. However, they said spending money in the neighborhood improvement program would help Joplin residents by renovating deteriorating homes and meeting a national guideline for the federal funds.

Under the plan approved Monday, grant money fully will fund requests by:

■ St. Paul's United Methodist Church, which requested \$11,315 to expand a shopping program for the homebound elderly;

■ The Joplin Exchange Club, for \$27,194 for expanded services for its parent and child center, which aids abused children and their families; and

■ DARE (Drugs, Alcohol, Rehabilitation, and Education), which requested \$30,000 to open a house in Joplin to accommodate people in transition from drug abuse treatment to independent living.

Additionally, the Economic Security Corporation put in a request for \$125,000 to buy or construct a building for Joplin's Head Start program, but the Council approved only \$25,000.

Organizations which requested but did not receive funding include:

■ The Arthritis Association, \$36,000 to pay off the group's building, located at 819 E. Ninth Street, and to allow more funds to go toward expanded programs;

■ The Joplin Fire Department, \$34,500 to buy medical emergency response equipment;

■ The Joplin Boys' and Girls' Club, \$85,000 to be used for construction of a multipurpose building;

■ Jeff and April Herman, \$65,500 for the purchase of an historic home to be used as a bed and breakfast inn;

■ Wil Winfrey, \$36,125 for roof repair and other work to his historic home. Winfrey lives in the Rothbarger Home, 1210 N. Florida Ave.

■ Winfrey, on behalf of the Turkey Creek Stream Team, \$200,000 to buy and tear down homes along Turkey Creek's flood plain in order to develop a "greenway" along the creek. Two residents attended the meeting, with one speaking out against the proposal, saying she would prefer the money be used to elevate the foundations of homes along the "greenway." Winfrey then suggested funding be used for a comprehensive flood management study.

Action on a proposed budget for the funds is expected to be taken by the Council Monday.

discussed since last fall.

A proposed bicycle trail using abandoned railroad tracks is now in the process of being finalized.

"That is in the county court," Golden said. "They are going through the process of getting that property."

While Golden said he supports the trail "from a recreational point of view," he says the project should be looked at first.

"When I last talked with them (county court), about four to six weeks ago, they said they were pretty close to having title. I just don't know where it will go with the tight budget."

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# Wrapping it up

## Lawmakers enter the term's final days

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With the end of the legislative session just two weeks away, lawmakers are beginning the mad dash to wrap things up before the final bell.

According to Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), the final hours of this session may be even busier than in previous sessions.

"It's been the slowest moving of any of my seven sessions," Surface said. "I look for it to come down to that last week being even more controversial than it has been in the past."

Regardless of the speed of the process, legislation has been making its way through the channels. Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said he has met with success this year in getting three bills past the Senate.

"I'm excited about being able to do something for the folks back home and having enough clout to be able to do it," Singleton said.

As a freshman legislator, Singleton said he has been impressed with bipartisan cooperation present during this year's work.

"Some of the encouragement and support from the other senators has been fantastic from both sides of the aisle," he said.

Although Singleton first came to the Senate in a special election at the end of the 1990 session, he did not get a chance to work with legislation until this year. He said debate in the Senate chamber has been his favorite experience this year.

"It was gratifying to know that I could stand up against a veteran in

the Senate, debate a point, and persuade a colleague to agree with my point over someone else's," Singleton said.

The hardest part, however, has been the amount of reading involved, he said.

"It's amazing what happens to a relatively simple bill," Singleton said. "By the time it gets through [both chambers], it looks like a Christmas tree with everything hung on it."

As the session winds up, he said, legislators must concentrate on their areas of expertise rather than trying to read everything that comes across their desk. He said most senators have to trust other's opinions due to the shortage of time.

"If nothing else," he said, "the Senate works well as a body to get the very best legislation we can."

Some of the most talked-about issues encountered during the session have been right-to-die, education, and ethics. According to Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia), sponsor of the right-to-die bill, the measure is currently in a bi-cameral conference committee where a final version of the measure will be hammered out.

An education funding and reform package originally sponsored by Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia) was debated yesterday and likely will enter conference committee next week.

Earlier this week, the Republican caucus penned an alternative to Mathewson's bill, which currently is being handled by Speaker of the House Bob Griffin (D-Cameron). According to Rep. Tim Kelley (R-Savannah), author of the alternative, it is not an official Republican cau-

cus option. He said he believes it is, however, more reasonable than Griffin's package.

"I think we're a lot closer to something the governor can support than the speaker's plan," Kelley said. Kelley said he is not sure if or when the Republican alternative will be offered.

"I think, first, we need to debate the speaker's package and see where it is and where it's going," he said, "and then go from there."

While education and right-to-die have gained a considerable amount of forward momentum, the ethics issue likely will not meet with success, according to Rep. Jim Talent (R-Chesterfield), minority floor leader in the House.

Talent said existing laws concerning ethics should have been reformed before new measures were attempted.

"We should have done the clean-up stuff as a separate bill," Talent said. "Now we may lose it all."

According to some legislators, a lack of leadership from Gov. John Ashcroft has been a stumbling block this session.

"He's detached from the legislature, first by preference and then by mutual agreement," Wilson said, "and I think that's a shame."

Rumors have circulated among the media and members of the General Assembly that Ashcroft may be shopping for a job in Washington after his gubernatorial term expires in 1992. Wilson said that prospect "seems as plain as the nose on your face."

Despite such feeling on the part of some legislators, others believe the contrary. According to Sen. Harry

Wiggins (D-Kansas City), Ashcroft has been particularly helpful in certain areas.

"As far as my DWI bill, he has been very helpful," Wiggins said. "He went out on a limb early on that."

Talent said he believes criticisms of the governor are mainly partisan in nature.

"It's a classic thing," he said. "People avoid discussing issues on their merits by saying there is no leadership. What they're really saying is they don't agree with them," Talent said.

An example of this, according to Talent, is the issue of education. He said Ashcroft stated his position at the State of the State Address to the General Assembly in January and has maintained that position throughout the session.

"He's showing leadership, just some people don't agree with him," Talent said. "I think he's representing what the people want."

Whether the governor is or is not showing leadership, most legislators agree bi-cameral cooperation has been a plus this term.

"I don't know that I've ever had a better working relationship with my House colleagues," Wilson said.

"Times are tight, and I think people have buckled down to work together."

Tight times, most agree, has been another stumbling block this session.

"This is a session dominated by budget problems," said Wiggins. "So much so that for the first time, people began looking beyond what we have in hand to finance programs."

Although the session has been marred by its share of low points, Wilson said political risk taking has

been a perk this year.

"I think the high point has been to see people realize that the state has some true needs and to go ahead and put their political necks on the line," he said.

Next year, however, may be a different story to the state-wide general election.

"There will probably be only four people in the state who won't be on the ballot," Wilson said.

Wilson, who himself plans to run for lieutenant governor, said he already has raised more than two-thirds of his campaign war chest and is looking forward to the race.

"I have had very pleasing contacts from county committees, major population centers in the state—Joplin being one of them—that indicate to me that this is going to be an extremely enjoyable campaign," he said.

With the busiest weeks of the session still to come, legislators are hesitant to give the term a final grade. Mathewson said if an education reform bill is passed, it will mean the year's work has been successful.

"I think that this is going to be a dandy," he said. "If we do, and I feel strongly that we will, get 353 (the education bill) out to a vote, it will be a bonanza session."

Wiggins said he believes the session already can be termed successful, but it is still too soon to tell what the final outcome will be.

"Until the stroke of 6:00 on the 17th (May 17th, the last day of the session), and you see what did and didn't happen, you can't give it a final grade, and I wouldn't attempt to," he said.

## Higher Education Briefs

### SEMO to build business facility

► Southeast Missouri State University has finalized plans to build a 130,000-square-foot multi-story building for its college of business.

The building, projected to cost more than \$12 million, will be designed by Sverdrup Corp. of St. Louis. Sverdrup has completed similar assignments for more than 300 colleges and universities.

"This structure is very important in defining what we are all about," said Dr. Robert Foster, executive vice president. "The new facility will be the keystone in our efforts to attain AACSB accreditation for the business college."

### 1987 invitation brings Ashcroft

► Responding to an invitation extended to him in 1987, Gov. John Ashcroft will give the commencement address at Northwest Missouri State University on May 18.

On Aug. 17, 1987, Ashcroft was in the Maryville campus to officially "switch on" Northwest's Electronic Campus. The student senate president declared him an honorary member of the freshman class—the Class of '91—and invited him to return in four years to give the commencement address.

Earlier this year, university President Dean Hubbard reminded Ashcroft of the invitation, and he has accepted.

### \$750,000 gift made to CMSU

► Central Missouri State University will construct its new alumni development building free of debt thanks to a \$750,000 gift provided by an alumnus and his wife.

The gift is being presented by Sam and Sue Smiser of San Marino, Calif. He is a 1938 CMSU graduate.

The 8,600-square-foot building is expected to be ready in October.

### SEMO to hear McDonnell speak

► Sanford N. McDonnell, chairman emeritus of McDonnell Douglas Corp., will present the commencement address at Southeast Missouri State May 11.

McDonnell, 68, who retired from McDonnell Douglas Corp. in 1988, served as the company's chairman and CEO for seven years.

### Parking spaces to sell for \$100

► Designated parking spaces will be sold for \$100 each if a proposed plan is passed at Northwest Missouri State University.

The faculty senate, student senate, and support staff council will forward their recommendations to the vice president for finance.

Faculty would be given the first option to buy spots near academic buildings, while support staff would be offered spaces closest to where they work. Students living on campus could buy reserved spots near the residence halls.

### SMSU students give up meals

► More than 1,200 students at Southwest Missouri State University gave up their cafeteria meals last week to raise money for a Springfield soup kitchen.

As a result, a check for \$650 was presented Sunday to The Kitchen by SMSU's Catholic Campus Ministry.

The SMSU cafeteria donated 85 cents to the soup kitchen every time a student presented his or her identification to the cafeteria but did not eat a meal.

## LIGHT DUTY



STEPHEN MOORE/THE CHART

John Johnson, technical director, hangs lighting in the Capitol rotunda Tuesday for the Drury College production of "One Among the Hopeful Souls," an opera dealing with the life of artist Thomas Hart Benton. The opera was performed for more than 100 legislators.

## Board OKs five-year plan

Despite scrutiny, community college gains CBHE stamp

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Friday's meeting of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education saw little action, with talk of institutional missions taking center stage.

The meeting was held at Missouri Southern.

The CBHE, Missouri's constitutionally mandated agency governing colleges and universities, took action on only one item. The board approved the five-year institutional plan of the Heart of the Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield. CBHE policy requires the plan.

"We're certainly happy," said Norman Myers, OTC president. "We thought the plan would be approved. We're happy with the outcome."

At the meeting, OTC faced charges from Dr. Jim Shoemaker—one of the school's founding interests—that it had betrayed its original mission by allowing OTC credits to transfer to larger, four-year schools. He also is concerned about OTC's inclusion of general education courses—like

English, math, and history—in the school's technical curriculum.

Dee Brooks, president of OTC's board of trustees, defended the mission of the CBHE.

"My credibility has been put on the line," Brooks said. "The future of the region depends on a quality set of technical programs, but we don't want to turn away our other students and taxpayers."

The school is expected to boast about 2,000 enrollment this fall when it opens its doors. Myers said OTC probably will begin self-studies for accreditation in March 1992. He said a North Central Association accrediting team will review the institution in May 1992.

The CBHE also examined the issue of teacher recruitment and approved an increase in the ACT score requirements for acceptance into teacher education programs to 21, up from 18.

The CBHE also announced a meeting with the state board of education to promote better relations between the two bodies.

On teacher recruiting, the CBHE

heard recommendations on several fronts, including a suggestion to raise the minimum ACT requirement for acceptance into teacher education programs, despite the mention of several criticisms of the ACT exam.

The report's author, Dr. Robert Stein of the CBHE staff, concluded that the ACT remains an effective tool in teacher education, and an increase in the requirements would make for more credibility.

"The ACT is a reputable, credible test that has established norms that can be used to measure success," Stein said. "Other tests, like C-BASE and NTE (National Teacher Examination test) do not have credibility and cannot transfer as easily."

Missouri is probably better in this program than in other states," said Dr. Charles McClain, state commissioner for higher education. "We have to make the standards high."

The measure was approved unanimously by the CBHE.

This was the first time since September 1987 that the CBHE had met at Missouri Southern.

## Missouri signs trade agreement

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The results of the overseas work of Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia) were evident Tuesday as a group of European industry officials signed a trade agreement with Missouri.

Chris de Bouter, secretary general of the Hague chamber of commerce and industry in the Netherlands; Jan Koudijs, an international trade consultant; and Carl Koupal, director of the Missouri department of economic development, signed an agreement which provides for increased cooperation between private industries in the Netherlands and in Missouri. It also advocates the sharing of technology and the exchange of information about goods and services.

The agreement also provides for Missouri's trade representative in Europe to meet quarterly with de Bouter to discuss the relationship and develop future plans.

At a signing ceremony in Mathewson's office, the senator emphasized the importance of the agreement.

"For Missouri to stay competitive economically, we must be aggressive in exporting our products," he said. "This agreement with the Netherlands will give us a foothold in the all-important European market."

The agreement, the first ever between the Netherlands and another American state, arose from Mathewson's trips to the Netherlands as part of an economic trade delegation.

"It's one of those things where we just built a good relationship," he said. "I have strong personal feelings

about them and their organization, and they do me."

Mathewson said he suggested the agreement to de Bouter in August during one of his three visits to the Netherlands in the past five years.

Although the agreement has now been made official, de Bouter said it now must be put into action to be worthwhile.

"We are very glad to be a part of this agreement," he said, "but we must work very hard to implement it."

"This agreement forms a bridge across the Atlantic at a time when there is much tension in the world," de Bouter said.

After the signing, the delegation presented Mathewson and Koupal with books about the Netherlands. Mathewson later escorted the group on a tour of the Senate chamber.

## Measure seeks to reduce fuel use

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Ecology and economy have been chief issues during this legislative session, and a pending House bill addresses both in one sweep.

Sponsored by Rep. Patrick Dougherty (D-St. Louis), the measure mandates state agencies to convert their vehicles to alternative fuel use.

According to the schedule set up by the legislation, 10 percent of state

vehicles must use alternative fuel by 1996 and 50 percent must be converted by the year 2000. Dougherty said the central goal of the legislation is to reduce the use of petroleum-based products.

"That not only saves money," he said, "but it also saves pollution."

The bill also advocates the development of a fleet management system by state agencies as another way to reduce fuel consumption. Under this system, car-pooling between agencies would be utilized to elim-

inate duplicative vehicle use.

"What we're trying to get, ultimately, is coordination between agencies so when they do make trips, it saves more gas and pollution," Dougherty said.

According to Dougherty, the bill passed out of the House with only nine opposing votes. It currently is on the calendar for debate in the Senate and should be taken up in the next week.

Dougherty said he is drawing support from environmental groups and

farming groups as well as members of the petroleum industry. He also said state agencies have been cooperative in helping him to draft the measure. For this reason, Dougherty said, there should be little opposition to the bill once it makes it to the governor's desk.

Although this is the second year such legislation has been attempted, Dougherty said the chances for the bill are strong.



# Finding a needle in a shrinking haystack

Placement office offers help for graduates

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

All indications point to a tightening job market, meaning future graduates need to be on their toes more than ever.

"It's overwhelmingly competitive," says Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement at Missouri Southern. "I've talked to recruiters who say they get 300 resumes for every vacancy, and that's just resumes. After they narrow that down to 10 interviews, you're going to have to be dynamite."

"It's vital with today's market that you make a perfect initial impression."

The placement office offers many things to help students do just that.

"While everyone will eventually have to stop by to apply for graduation, we work most closely with those who take advantage of our services," Disharoon said.

Those services include help with resumes and cover letters, setting up on-campus interviews and Bag-A-Career sessions, and providing mock interviews to prepare the student. The office has a career library available to all students which holds a database of national and local employers as well as salary information.

Disharoon said the average job search takes five to eight months, and suggests that students begin

their junior year rather than waiting until they have their diploma to worry about life after graduation.

"The problem with waiting too long is that they get caught in a vicious cycle—they start getting depressed when they need their confidence level to be at its highest, so they don't do well on their interview, so they get even more depressed."

"You'd be surprised, though, how many do come to us in May and say 'Find me a job—quick!'"

Disharoon stresses that the office does not find students jobs, but helps students find jobs.

"However, we would tell them to first identify what they want to do. It's very difficult to write a good resume if you don't know what you're writing for."

From there, Disharoon suggests students start to "build their team," meaning that they should meet people within their field and make some important contacts.

"We would also work on some mock interviews and talk about what to wear and what to take, but past that there's not much we can do at that late date."

For students who begin earlier, the process is more involved.

"The junior year is a wonderful time to write to employers and tell them your major, ask for some literature on their company, and ask

for suggestions," Disharoon said. "If you can go in and meet with them, all the better. They will develop a vested interest in you—they will want you to succeed."

"Then, your senior year, you are ready to hit the ground running."

When the offers start coming in, deciding which position to accept and negotiating a salary can be similar to walking through a mine field. Should students just be happy to have found a job in today's market and accept the first offer that comes along, or should they gamble and hold out for one that suits them more and pays higher wages?

"If you are offered a job and don't think you'll be miserable there and there's nothing else—take it," Disharoon said. "However, if you have other interviews coming up, then I would contact the firm that made the first offer and ask for an extension to decide. Once you have an offer, you have a little more leverage."

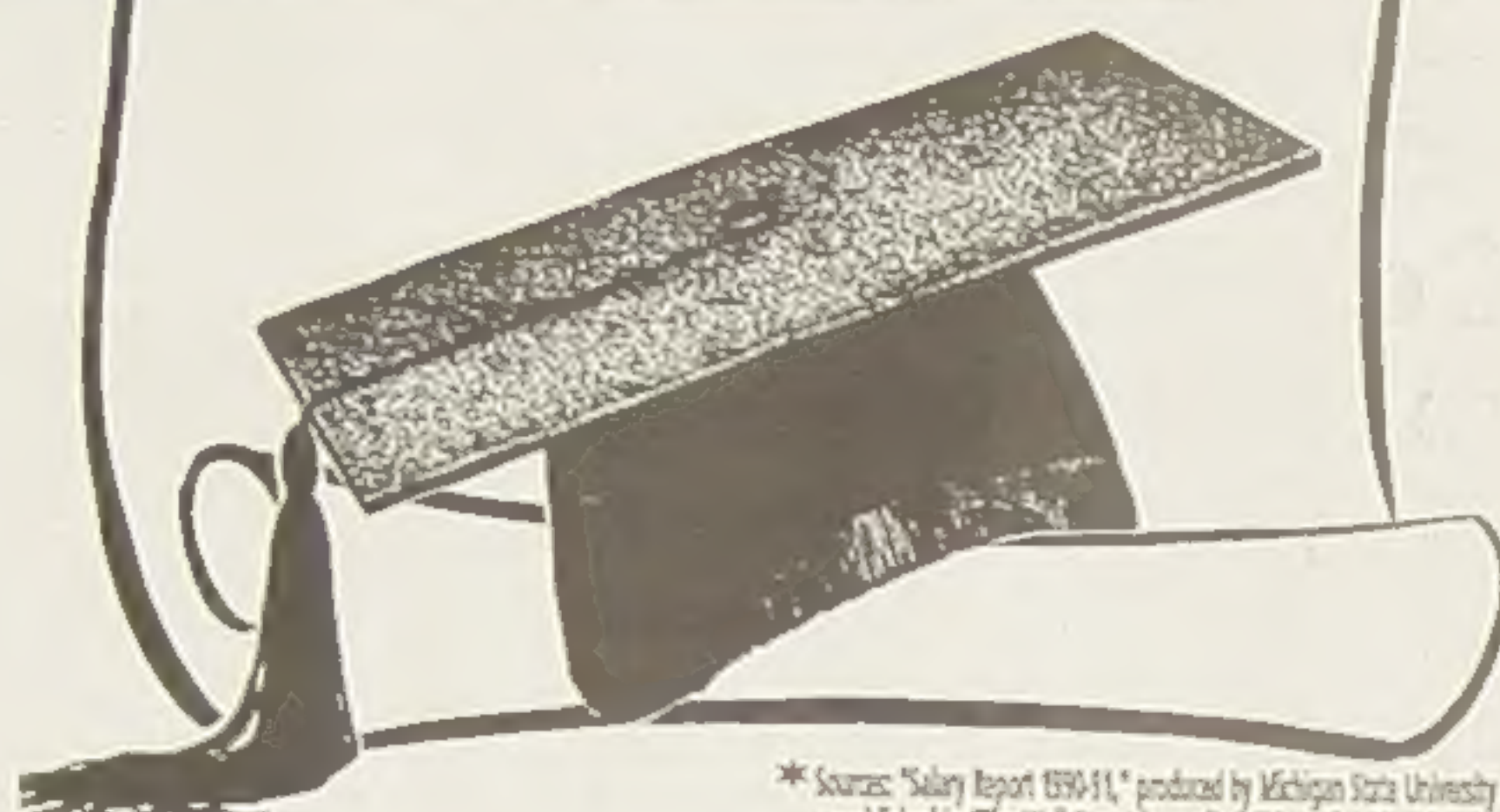
In terms of salary, she said it depends on the field, but most entry-level positions are non-negotiable or at least have "a pretty tight range."

Overall, Disharoon said it boils down to developing employability skills.

"A job search is a full-time job in itself. The amount of time that goes into a successful one is incredible."

## Help Wanted?

\*A recent survey of more than 500 companies projects a 10-15 percent decline in job offers this school year despite an increase in the number of new graduates.



\*Sources: "Salary Report 1990-91," produced by Michigan State University as published in "The Wall Street Journal," "Managing Your Career."

## HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

Career \*January 1991  
Accounting Number of Offers Avg. \$ Offers

Accounting	552	\$25,700
Marketing	185	\$22,966
Journalism	29	\$18,113
Education	99	\$19,791
C.Justice	16	\$20,708
Psychology	31	\$18,706
Chem.Eng.	199	\$36,968
Comp.Prog.	9	\$30,344
Nursing	28	\$26,270
Chemistry	14	\$25,750
Physics	5	\$27,200
Broadcasting	4	\$20,290
Sociology	23	\$19,213

\*Average yearly salary offers for Bachelor's Degree candidates. Data combined for men and women. Source: CPC Salary Survey/January 1991.

Chart graphic by Jon Noifalisse and Angie Stevenson.

## Recruiter provides insight for interviews

The 'dos and don'ts' of landing a job

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The interview: What gives one job candidate that extra edge over another?

Dan Hayworth, college recruiter and supervisor for Baird, Kurtz & Dobson, a Joplin public accounting firm, said during a typical interview, which lasts less than 30 minutes, students have no room for error. The key to a successful interview, he said, is to heed the Boy Scouts' motto: Be prepared.

The following are hypothetical interview situations.

The first candidate, Melanie Byrd, has a 3.0 grade-point average and minimal practical work experience. During the first 10 minutes, Hayworth attempts to break the ice, but Byrd is painfully shy so he never is able to get to know her. During the actual interview, he asks which position she would like with his company, to which she replies, "Well, I

don't really know yet. I'd just be happy with anything you have available."

Hayworth first would have been somewhat leary of her grade-point average. Baird, Kurtz & Dobson requires a 3.0 minimum before granting an interview.

"High grades show not only that they're responsible and motivated, but also the ability to learn and willingness to work toward a goal."

Also, Byrd's resume would not have impressed Hayworth because she had no practical experience.

"It doesn't matter if it's on-campus or off," he said. "You have to deal with people no matter what you do."

All of this having been determined before she even walked into the room, Byrd would have had to have given a flawless interview to still be considered, but her shyness was a problem.

"Unfortunately, shyness does diminish a candidate's chances of be-

ing hired," Hayworth said. "It's not a prejudice—we have only 10 to 20 minutes to get information from candidates. And if someone is shy, we aren't able to do that."

Byrd's final mistake was not having a focused goal.

"A candidate should have taken the time to know what they want," he said. "It all comes down to being prepared."

A second interviewee, Pete King, had very good credentials: a 3.5 GPA, president of the campus accounting club, and work experience. Appropriately dressed, the candidate was an effective communicator. King explained the one "black mark" on his transcript, a "D," by saying "the instructor was really terrible." When Hayworth asked if he had any questions about the firm, the answer was a confident "No, I think your brochure covered everything."

It may sound as though King has the job wrapped up. However, according to Hayworth, he made a few mistakes.

"If someone has some sort of prob-

lem or black mark on their resume, I would rather them take responsibility for their own actions," he said. "In the working world, they can't go around blaming others for things they had control over."

King's other mistake was not asking questions about the company.

"One of my pet peeves," Hayworth said, "is the person who doesn't have any questions."

Finally, Hayworth was turned off by King's "Here I am, hire me" attitude.

"You have to cut through all the self-promotion and find out what their qualifications really are."

Hayworth said he probably would be more apt to hire a candidate with perhaps a 3.5 GPA or higher, good communication skills, and practical experience. In today's job market, he said preparing for interviews is more important than ever.

"Although we haven't reduced the number of recruits, we are more careful in evaluating their quality before we consider hiring them."

## NO MARGIN FOR ERROR



Robyn Parker, senior education major, watches as her interviewer, Myra Munzinger of the Wichita Public School Systems, critiques her response. Several Southern students took the opportunity to interview with employers on campus during Teacher Placement Day held April 17.

## On-campus recruiters cite strengths and weaknesses of interviewees

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students seeking employment via the career planning and placement office have the opportunity to interview with recruiters from national companies on campus.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," said Nancy Disharoon, placement director, "because during just a mass resume campaign your odds are not very good that you will even get an interview."

According to Disharoon, the interviews provide students the opportunity to bypass the regular job

seeking process.

"The normal application process for a student would require that they put together a resume and cover letter, mail that to the employer, and hope they will get an interview," she said. "In this situation, they don't have to do that. All they have to do is sign up and come over here for an interview, so it's a real service to the students."

In scheduling the interviews, the office will call students who qualify to see if they are interested in meeting with the recruiters.

"Some do come over on their own anyway and sign up, and we appreciate that," Disharoon said. "But it's a little bit amazing that you have to call people and ask them to come over and sign up for an interview."

According to Disharoon, very few recruiters actually have cancelled trips to Missouri Southern. She said approximately three to four companies have not come because of a low student turnout.

Joe Tournear, regional personnel manager for Wal-Mart, said he recruits students at colleges in Arkansas, Florida, and Missouri. He looks for several characteristics.

"I look for what they bring to the interview: a good GPA, their previous work experience, and their outside accomplishments, such as various awards and activities," said Tournear, a 1981 Southern graduate. "I also look for good communication skills and an competency to learn our programs."

Cheryl Johnston, district manager for the Kmart apparel division, said there is a low turnout in the number of students signing up for interviews.

"I haven't interviewed very many people, and I'm really disappointed in that because I don't have a big sign-up like I do at OSU, OU, and the University of Arkansas," Johnston said. "I usually have two sched-

ules with 20 students on each."

According to Johnston, unless the turnout at Southern increases, she will be forced to stop recruiting here.

Many recruiters have found that Southern students possess several strengths, which makes them more attractive to the larger companies.

"The business school puts out a good finished product," Tournear said. "The students also have a good practical work experience."

According to Kevin Bowling, Kansas City branch manager for Metropolitan Life, Southern students generally possess personalities which allow them to fit into many different

social situations.

However, several recruiters said Southern students also have several weaknesses which hurt their chances.

"I think they are the same as most students," Bowling said. "They think the world owes them something when they get out of college. But what they don't understand is that the degree doesn't earn them the job, but only the interview."

Tournear said the one weakness he finds at Southern is its size, because it does not produce the number of recruits that other larger colleges can.







# It's a jungle out there!!!

When people think of zoos, they generally think of lions, elephants and tigers. The Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield is no exception.

Located in Dickerson Park, the zoo is home to more than 100 animals ranging from large mammals like elephants to small reptiles like snakes and lizards.

While there has been a zoo located on the site of the park since 1890, it did not become city-owned until 1922.

According to Nancy Ferguson, operation director for Friends of the Zoo, the zoo was part of a private resort and the largest zoo in Missouri.

In 1894, the resort was sold to Jerome Dickerson Sr., who owned the zoo until later selling it to the city of Springfield in 1922.

After the estate sold the property, it became Dickerson Park. The city of Springfield moved the city zoo then located in Phelps Grove park to its present location.

According to Ferguson, the zoo

smack bars is used by the Friends of the Zoo in renovating efforts for the animal exhibits. One such program is the Teddy Bear Rally held last Saturday.

It is a free day for anyone who brings in a teddy bear, Ferguson said. Last year we had the largest single day in terms of attendance.

She said last year the attendance for the rally was approximately 5,810. But about 7,900 children and their parents attended Saturday's Teddy Bear Rally.

The zoo also participates in several breeding programs. One program is centered around elephants.

[We have a bull elephant facility. It's a breeding center where we keep the male and the female elephants.] At the zoo, Ferguson said. Males are very dangerous, so we've built facilities that will contain the male where everything is operated hydraulically and mechanically where we don't ever have to have contact with the elephants.

Even though males are kept in this fashion, Ferguson said they are not mistreated.

Many of the animals found in the zoo have been placed in groups based on their breed.

What we do is group the animals geographically, Ferguson said. So we have a South American area. In that area we have flamingos, rheas, South America's version of the ostrich, and many others.

The zoo not only has exotic animals, but also to animals native to Missouri.

With some help from the Missouri Conservation Department, the zoo has developed an area called Missouri Habitat, home to animals who in the past inhabited this state.

Ferguson said the exhibit currently houses black bears and bobcats.

Another attraction of the zoo is people of all ages the chance to get up close to an elephant. Through an specially trained elephant are offered during the week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The zoo is open daily during the summer from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and during the winter from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$1.75 for children, and free for children under 4.



averages between 185,000 to 200,000 visitors per year. However, because of special attractions and features, attendance fluctuates.

Last year the Dinosaurs Alive program doubled our attendance, Ferguson said.

Throughout the year, the zoo sponsors several programs and activities, with the help of the Friends of the Zoo, a non-profit group who support the zoo by running the snack bars and gift shop.

All of the revenue gathered from the sales in the gift shop and snack



Story and Photos  
by  
Kaylea Hutson

(Clockwise from top right) Dave Luedde, animal worker, directs Tuffy the elephant during a ride last Saturday. Two hippopotami bask in the sun. Two Aldabra tortoises enjoy the sunny afternoon. Lex Peterson, magician/juggler and more, entertains the crowds at the Teddy Bear Rally by making animal balloons. An American bald eagle is left lightless as the result of a careless hunter.



# THE CHART

SECTION B

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1991

## SOUTHERN'S Most Outstanding



**M**et Missouri Southern's most outstanding graduating seniors. Profiles of the top 25, selected entirely on grade-point average, are featured in this special section.

The 25 seniors represent

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# Top 25 Seniors

## Spring 1991 Graduates

### According to GPA

Name*	Major
Lori Bogle	History
Gary Neece	Psychology
Saundra Bowen	Elementary Education
Ruth Jones	Nursing
Theresa Bishop	History
Steven Hann	Political Science
Sarah Willson	Elementary Education
Jim Elam	Biology
Sabra Pierce	Elementary Education
Lori Heckmaster	Marketing and Management
Trent Walker	Genral Business
Leigh Anderson	Environmental Health
Karen Taylor	History
Roberta Wood	Nursing
De Manning	Elementary Education
Vicki Lucky	Criminal Justice
Michelle Mitchell	Biology
Daniel Baker	History
Rebekah Clark	Mathematics
Michael Prater	Accounting
Rebecca Allen	Elementary Education
Randy Bowles	Chemistry Education
Sonya Long	Elementary Education
Barbara Abbott	English
Beth James	Elementary Education

\*Boxed names indicate the student maintained a 4.0 grade-point average through the Fall 1990 semester.

# All-purpose Hann

## now looks to law

### Oxford ranks as his best experience

BY MARK POELKING  
CHART REPORTER

A commitment to excellence is why Steve Hann is one of this year's top 25 seniors.

Hann, a political science major and two-year baseball player, has a 4.008 grade-point average. He chose political science because of the wide range of career opportunities.

Making the high grade is definitely important, but for Hann, one to gain knowledge is more important, he said. "Even if the instructors didn't give out grades, I'd still be here."

Hann has been involved with the honors program and the Oxford study program.

"Visiting Oxford was the most wonderful experience of my life," he said. "Being the only traditional student there, I enjoyed communicating with an older class of students."

After attending the play *Measure for Measure* at Oxford, Hann got to meet the entire cast.

Having already discussed the play he and fellow student asked them for their view of the play's meaning.

It was funny, because their evaluation of the play was exactly like mine, Hann said.

Hann said he likes Missouri Southern's hands-on teaching techniques. Hann named four instructors he especially admires: Dr. Barry Brown, assistant professor of philosophy; Annette St. Clair, associate professor of political science; Tom Simpson,

assistant professor of political science; and Dr. Donald R. Yount, assistant professor of political science.

"One of my favorite classes was Ethics with Dr. Brown," he said. "It was most pleasing, because I was thinking in ways that I would have never imagined."

When Hann is not studying, he likes to keep brushed up on his baseball skills, play basketball, and serve on the Student Senate.

If I could do it over again, I would have stayed in my accounting class. I look back now and realize I could have stuck it out."

After graduation, Hann plans to attend law school, although he still is undecided where at this point.

Going to law school will be a challenging time in my career," he said.

Hann has been working on an independent study taught by Simpson. It is a senior honors project that deals with city provisions, parks and recreations, police enforcement, as well as other key areas.

"This showed me how bad our nation's cities need our strong positive help in making a better working foundation," he said.

Hann said discipline has been the key to his success.

"I had to take good notes and study immensely for short periods of time to achieve my goals in college," he said.

Hann has plenty of advice for students wanting to make the most of their college year.

"Know what your professor expects of you," he said. "Don't be afraid to question authority."

"And most of all, motivation to succeed must come from inside yourself."



Steve Hann

BY BRYAN MEARES  
CHART REPORTER

He has been interested in biology since childhood. For biology major Jim Elam, curiosity has always led him to learn how things work.

"I was the kid who grabbed the dead frog and dissected it," he said. "I wanted to look at what was inside."

Naturally curious as a child, he taught himself science by reading the encyclopedia and other books in bed at night.

"There is no boundary to what you can learn about science," he said. "That's what's wonderful about it."

When Elam, who has a 3.96 GPA, came to Missouri Southern, the furthest thing from his mind was

graduating at the top of his class.

The secret to his success is simply put: there is no secret. Take it one class and one semester at a time.

"I was a veritable introvert when I got here," he said.

He is happy to have met quite a few different people along the way, and is active in campus organizations, including Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Chi, and the American Chemical Society, which he helped to establish.

He is closer to people he has met at Southern than those he knew in high school. Elam says he will miss everyone in the chemistry and biology departments.

Dr. Chris Peterson, assistant professor of biology, said Elam was "certainly one of the better students and was very skilled and enthusiastic."

Elam has been greatly impressed by a few instructors and one former student at Southern.

He has the "highest regards" for Dr. Vonnie Prentice, professor of

biology. Elam believes Prentice was invaluable in his education by taking time to assist him in researching his questions.

He also cites Dr. Sam Gibson, associate professor of biology, for

helping him be successful.

Southern graduate Anna Miller also was a big influence on him. She received national attention in 1990 for her academic achievement, her photo and story appearing in *USA Today* for her work in biology.

"Just being around people like that brings your success and your effort to a different level because you have to compete with them, and yet,

including fishing, hunting, building, and flying his own model airplanes.

Elam finds it disheartening that not everyone achieves their full academic capability.

"There are a lot of people with great potential. I think there are excellent professors here. You've just got to take advantage of the opportunities here."



Jim Elam

"I think there are excellent professors here. You've just got to take advantage of the opportunities here."

—Jim Elam, senior biology major

# Curiosity leads Elam to biology



## CLASSROOM SITUATIONS

BY PJ



Sandra Bowen, senior elementary education major, teaches class at McKinley Elementary School in Joplin. Bowen has a 4.0 GPA.

## Bowen exploits advantages

Senior education major cites Joyner as favorite instructor

BY PJ GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Non-traditional student Sandra Bowen says there are some advantages to going to college while in her mid-30s.

You don't have that eternal "turn in front" you said Bowen said. Bowen is a senior elementary education major. "I feel I got more out of college by being an older student."

Bowen, whose specialty will be remedial reading, Sandra Bowen was inspired partially by an aunt who graduated from college at age 35. But she has some other reasons. "I like going to school," she said. "I'm probably considered odd."

That enjoyment of school has paid off for Bowen, who has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average and been selected this year as one of the three top elementary education graduates.



She says she has some secrets to her success.

"Always try to stay on top of things and not get behind," Bowen said. "Take good notes—it's very important to take good notes. And don't wait to study for a test until the night before."

Through the last four years Bowen has found several instructors and classes that are especially outstanding. She says her favorite instructor has been Dr. Rosanne Joyner, associate professor of education.

"I learned more in her class than in any other," Bowen said.

According to Joyner, Bowen has certain qualities that help her succeed in college.

"She demonstrates what I call a 'burn to learn,'" Joyner said. "She's a team player. She helps the group be the very best at her ability."

"She'll be an outstanding teacher."

Bowen said her favorite class has been Children's Literature with Dr. Doris Walter, associate professor of English.

"She has so much enthusiasm for

it," Bowen said. "I love the class."

She has found some classes to be fairly tough. Physical Science with Dr. Arthur Strobel was one of those. Bowen said she "really had to work hard to stay on top of that."

Bowen has other things to stay on top of other than classes. She is a two-year member of both the International Reading Association and the Missouri State Teachers Association. Bowen also likes to spend time with her husband, Ronald, a coordinator at Empire District Electric, and son Chris, 15.

"I like to spend weekends with my family," she said. "It makes it hard sometimes, but I always look forward to weekends."

After graduation in July, Bowen hopes to secure a teaching position in the area. She also will be going to Oxford this summer. Currently, she is a student teaching the second grade at McKinley Elementary in Joplin.

"I'm really loving it," she said. "It's a very positive experience. I really do have feelings for some of those students."

## Challenging classes easy on Heckmaster

BY CHRISTY VANZANDT  
CHART REPORTER

With a grade-point average of 3.938, Lori Heckmaster says hard work and determination are the secret to her success.

A marketing and management major, she would like to work in insurance after graduation, but "nothing is carved in stone," she says.

Larry Gray, acting dean of the school of business administration, and Lori Heckmaster, Larry Goode, associate professor of business, are just two of Heckmaster's favorite instructors because "they were always positive."



She is a complete student, excellent academically, and has other qualities needed to be successful in the business world," said Gray. In the past four years, she has gained the utmost respect from the student body and of the faculty in the school of business. She is a leader.

The harder the class, the easier I learn, Heckmaster said. "The most difficult class would be Dr. John Messick's honor Learning. Learning was fun, yet difficult in this class. The material was hard, but Dr. Messick smiles every day, made the class enjoyable."

Being competitive in high school volleyball, basketball, and softball assisted her success in the classroom.

My coach stressed hard work and setting goals, Heckmaster said.

This was her formula for success, and she committed it to memory.

## COMPUTER EASE



— ROB BROWN/The Chart

Lori Heckmaster, senior marketing and management major, ranks high in her class with a 3.938 GPA.

## Seniors/From Page 1

a cross section of the student body. Seven are males; 18 are females. Their ages range from 18 to 53; the average age is 27. Fourteen different majors are included, but seven of the top 25 are in elementary education, a fact not surprising to the dean of the school of education and psychology.

"Our students are strong academically," said Dr. Ed Merryman. "But I think they were basically good students when they came [into the program]."

"They are task-oriented, achievement-oriented students. I think the grades just come as a product of that."

Five of the top 25 seniors come from the social sciences department, giving credence to

Dr. David Tate's statement that the department "can stack up anybody on campus, in terms of the quality of instruction."

"Not only do we have quality instructors, but overall, our course requirements have become a little steeper," said Tate, department head. "The demand that we place on our students has increased. We expect more out of our students, and when you expect more, everyone's going to perform better."

"Looking at the students we are graduating this year, they are really top notch," added Tate. "We are talking about students who are outstanding, not just in terms of the classroom, but also outstanding in their behavior, their personalities, their interest in learning

beyond the classroom."

Six of the top 25 seniors are members of the honors program, which mandates at least a 3.5 overall grade-point average. Lori Bogle has been named the outstanding honors student.

"Those who are accepted in the honors program always have great academic records behind them," said Dr. Larry Ackiss, program director. "Everyone in the honors program has some way distinguished himself or herself."

"I think that these people thrive on challenge. It's just amazing what these students are able to accomplish."

Beth James, a December elementary education graduate with a 3.584 GPA, was not available for an interview for this supplement.

## On the cover:

Four of Missouri Southern's top 25 graduating seniors (clockwise from upper right) Leigh Anderson, environmental health major, uses a microscope in a biology lab. Rebecca Allen, a December elementary education graduate, assists students in a map exercise at Mark Twain Elementary in Webb City. Michelle Mitchell, a biology major, examines sheep brains during a lab. Biology major Jim Elam weighs a laboratory rat prior to an experiment.

Photos by T. Rob Brown



# Senior's effort comes to bare

BY P.J. GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Earning a 3.96 grade-point average has put Leigh Ann Anderson near the top of her class, yet she does not believe anything astounding.

"Anybody can do this," she said. "I'm not really special. I have strengths and weaknesses like anybody else."

An environmental health technology major, Anderson said she does well because she has put effort into her work.

"I think I may be self-motivated to a fault," she said. "I think I'm capable of almost anything if I depend on how much effort I put into it."

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, has taught Anderson in three classes and agrees.

"She is very enthusiastic about her work and goes about her assignments in a very systematic way," Messick said. "She's very cooperative—I've seen her working with other students, sharing ideas. She's certainly a leader."

That leadership is applied to the Biology Club, where Anderson serves as president. She said the club has given her leadership experience and contacts that later could lead to a job.

She also is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Alpha Chi honor society, and a charter member of the Environmental Health Association. Anderson says she is interested in "anything that has to do with environmental concerns or biological concerns."

With all of her activities, Anderson still finds time for her family. Her husband John is a supervisor at Southwestern Bell, and Eric is a sophomore at the University of Mississippi. Nate is a high school senior, and Luke is in the seventh grade. She says she sometimes test her over her classes.

"They know that this is my time to go to school," she said.

Anderson's all grades have been in the A's, but not in the said manner.

"I would have to say that they were equal with what I learned," she said. "Grades have been primary, as an indication of learning."

Anderson believes a person really has to work to get good grades.



## UNDER THE MICROSCOPE



Leigh Anderson, senior environmental health major, has a 3.96 GPA.

# Honors student credits parents

BY MIKE PETERSEN  
CHART REPORTER

With a grade-point average of 3.888, chemistry education major Randy Bowles credits his parents as his role models. "I always had the incentive to have good grades, knowing that both of my parents are teachers," he said.

Bowles, a Jay, Okla., native, had to make the grades to be in Southern's honors program.

"I had to receive a 3.5 grade-point average to be in the honors program," he said.

His study habits are uncommon as he really doesn't follow a specific pattern to study.

"I have no special study habits," he said. "I just put the time to study hard and make the grade I am happy with."

Bowles believes he has sacrificed the social-life scene to study.

"I have limited time," he said. "I believe that if you work hard enough, everything will come to you."

Bowles, whose father is a chemistry teacher, said teaching always has appealed to him.



Randy Bowles

He believes one of his favorite classes was Analytical Chemistry with Dr. Larry Albright, professor of chemistry.

"I like chemistry lab a lot," he said. "I feel I have learned quite a bit from my lab experiences."

He believes mathematics—algebra and trigonometry—have been his worst experiences at Southern.

"Although algebra and chemistry are related in various ways, I feel my math abilities weren't as good as I wanted them to be."

Bowles names Albright as the instructor who has helped him the most.

Dr. Albright is also his adviser, he said. "He has provided me with guidance whenever I needed it."

Albright believes Bowles is an excellent student and did exceptionally well with his independent study.

Bowles' other activities have included being a member of the Student Senate, Alpha Chi, an honors society, and a participant in Southern's intramural football program.

Bowles was hired by the Miller, Mo., school district as a physical science, chemistry, and biology teacher at the high school. He also will coach football and baseball.

"Teaching is a lot of work. My advice to students is to go into this field with a likeness to teach, not a likeness to make a lot of money."

## Sacrifices help Jones maintain perfect GPA

BY MIKE PETERSEN  
CHART REPORTER

No television, no leisure reading, suffering friendship, and no pizza outings are sacrifices nursing major Ruth Jones has made to achieve a 4.0 grade-point average.

"My secret to success of getting good grades was due to studying late at night and throughout the weekends," she said. "My husband also played a very supportive role during my college career."

Jones, who graduated in 1976 with an associate's degree in home economics from the University of Arkansas, chose nursing because it is a rewarding line of work.

"I want to help people maintain good health as well as be educated with their own health matters," Jones, 37, said.

While attending Southern part-time in the evenings, she commuted from Lowell, Ark., 60 miles from Joplin, and held down two jobs.

"If I had to do it over again, I would have worked a little less," said Jones, a December graduate.

She is working as a registered nurse at an orthopedic clinic in

Rogers, Ark., as well as at Mary's Hospital in Rogers.

Being that I have an associate degree in home economics, I have found that nutrition has been a valuable asset in the field of nursing," Jones said.

Her most challenging class at Southern was Pathophysiology with Dr. Vonnice Prentice, professor of biology.

This was an interesting class, she said. "Dr. Prentice, who is one of my favorite instructors, presented the subject in an interesting way and made it challenging for me to learn a lot of information pertinent to nursing."

Said Prentice: "Teach was a total pleasure to have in my class. She was an intelligent and pleasant person and was always eager to learn."

She is the type of nurse anyone would want to have if they needed one," he said.

In her free time, Jones enjoys horseback riding, reading, and is involved in International Bible Study through her church.

Her future plans are to eventually go back and get her master's degree in nursing.

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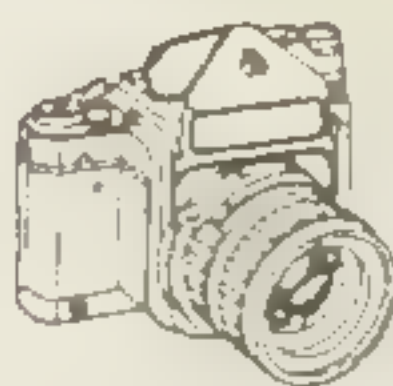
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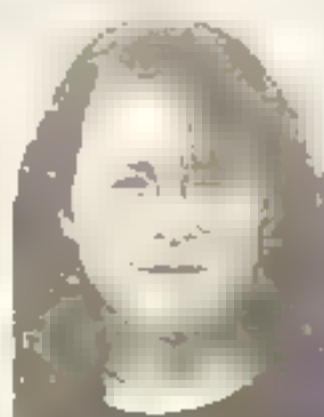
# Long days pay off for Taylor

## Senior prepares herself for Model U.N. trip to Tokyo

BY BRYAN MEARES

Staff Writer/Editor

After a long day of studying, Karen Taylor, senior history major, sits at her desk, looking tired but determined. She is preparing for a Model U.N. trip to Tokyo, Japan, in the summer. Taylor, who is also a member of the Student Senate, is one of the few students who have been selected to represent the University of Missouri at the Model U.N. conference.



Karen Taylor

And, from her grade-point average, Taylor has taken several opportunities to travel.

"I'd never flown on an airplane until I got to college," she said. "Since then, the novelty of air travel has

passed. With me, it's just a means of transportation. I've been to New York, London, and Tokyo. It's not like I'm going to Tokyo for the first time."

She is a member of the Student Senate, and she is also a member of the Social Sciences Club and Omicron Delta Kappa. Taylor is also a member of the Phi Alpha Theta honor society.

After a long day of studying, Taylor is tired, but she is determined to succeed.

Taylor is the president of the Model United Nations club on campus. She is also president of the Student Senate. She is also a member of the Social Sciences Club and Omicron Delta Kappa.

"I think everybody should try to take advantage of some of the opportunities offered here," she said. "I

realize not everybody can, and I've been lucky that I've been able to."

After graduation, Taylor plans to attend law school and study international law. Her ultimate goal is to work at the United Nations.

According to Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history, Taylor is a very capable student. He said that Taylor is a very capable student and that she is a very capable student.

One such standard Taylor believes in is healthy skepticism.

"Don't believe everything people tell you," she said. "It's a person's responsibility to question things they don't understand and not feel ashamed to be asking a question. There is a tendency to 'go with the flow.'"

## HISTORICAL READING



THE CHART/STAFF

Karen Taylor, senior history major, traveled many times in college.

## Research is Bishop's forte

BY SHARON WEBER  
CHART REPORTER

When it comes to history, Theresa Bishop has the right stuff, according to those who know her.

Bishop will graduate with a degree in history and a 3.97 grade-point average.

"I am continually impressed with the amount of research and the quality of her writing on all of her tests and papers," said Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history and her adviser.

Though Bishop downplays her abilities, Teverow compared her work with that of graduate school quality and said he would put her research up against any history student anywhere.

"She is thorough and persistent in her research," Teverow said. "I am amazed with her capacity to retain information."

History is a love of Bishop's that was instilled in her by a high

school history teacher in Ava, Mo.

"My high school history teacher always encouraged a pursuit of history," she said. "We were always encouraged to look into the past in order to see the future."

Bishop's future includes going to graduate school, preferably at the University of Arkansas, and eventually working in a museum or archives documenting the past.

"First, I am going to take a semester off just to see what it is like," she said. "Then, I will go on to graduate school."

Bishop said her favorite classes at Southern include two she is taking this semester, Black Troops in the Civil War, a 486-level seminar, and Russian.

"They are very interesting, but tough," she said. "I am really enjoying them."

She said the history seminar has turned out to be her toughest class.

"I have had to research harder for my seminar class than any other class that I have had," Bishop

said.

She recently presented a paper for the National Undergraduate Research Conference, The Eureka Conference, in California.

"It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it," she said. "The experience was very exciting."

Bishop also presented the same paper at the Phi Alpha Theta conference in St. Louis.

Some of her other activities include membership in the honors program, Social Sciences Club and Alpha Chi. Despite all of her activities and classes, Bishop has managed to work at Wilder restaurant part-time.

Bishop said she carried with her a determination to finish.

"I just never give up," she said. "School has always been there, and I have always been there with it."

Bishop maintains that she has used no special study habits to help her, just plain old hard work.

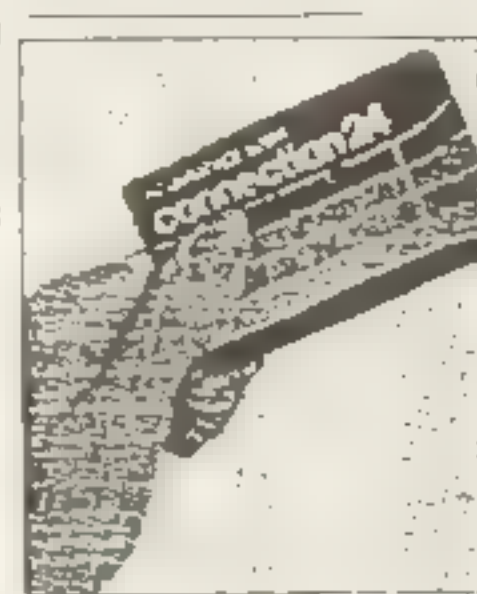
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# Wood takes it day by day

BY TROY COMEAU  
CHART REPORTER

**A**ll she wants to do is learn. This always has been a big part of the life of nursing major Roberta Wood.

"I am a person who is active and wants to keep on learning," she said.

After taking extension classes at Baxter Springs High School, Wood found the transition to a regular schedule a challenge.



Roberta Wood

The most difficult classes for me were the ones I took when I came back to school," she said. After taking extension classes one or two at a time, it was hard to come back full-time.

Wood, 22, is working as a staff nurse at Freeman Hospital.

"I have been a registered nurse for several years, but I've never had a degree," she said.

She owes most of her success at Missouri Southern to her husband, Lyle, and her three children.

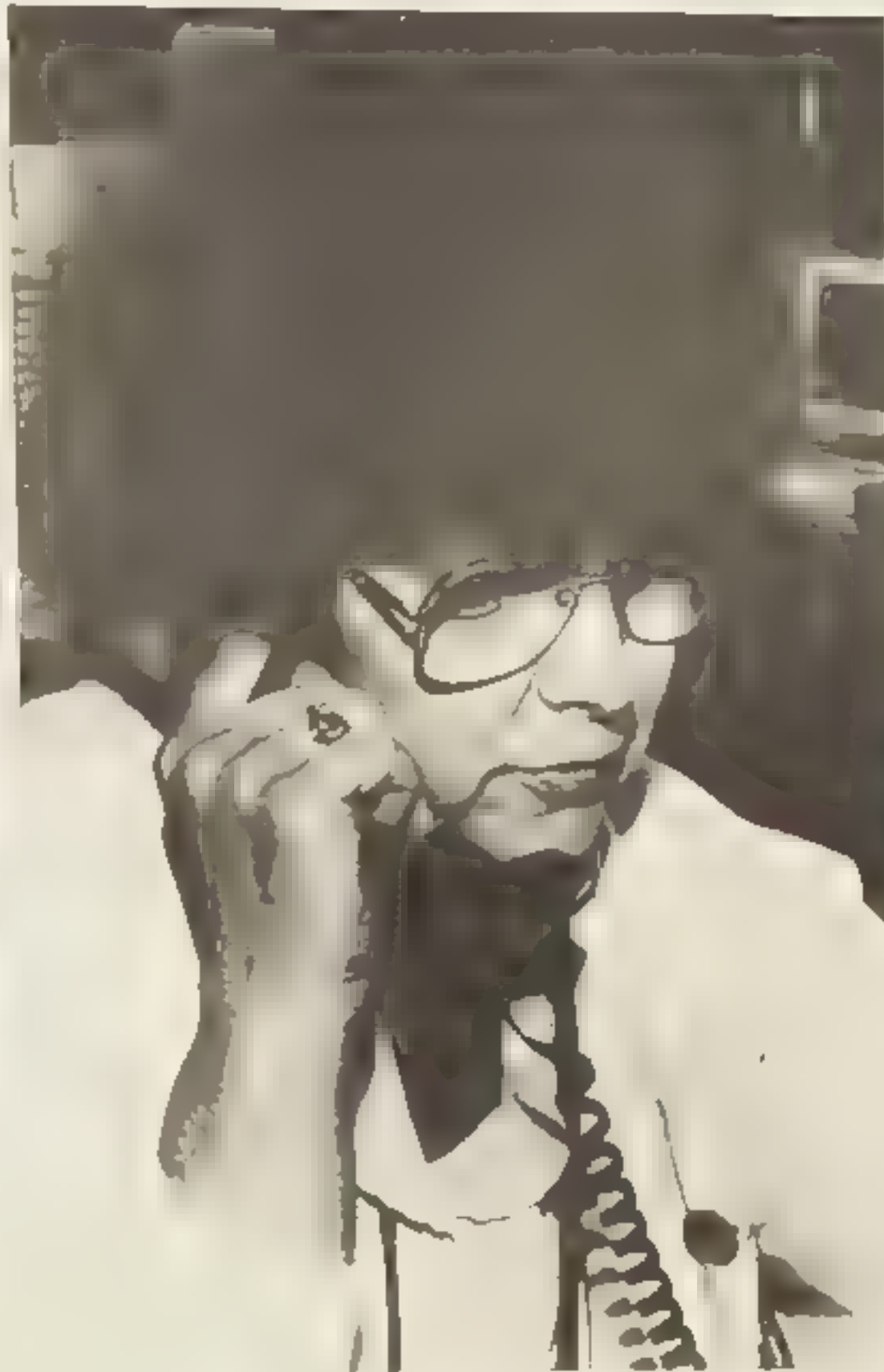
"Lyle is real supportive to me," said Wood. "Everyone in the family is going to have their degree, and he is proud that I am getting mine."

Wood also attributes much of her success to Grace Ayton, nursing instructor and her adviser. Ayton says Wood is an outstanding student.

Bobbie is an energetic, enthusiastic, and motivated learner," Ayton said. "She persevered through the hard work and achieved excellence. She is an outstanding role model for nurses. I am proud to know her."

Wood, a Baxter Springs resident,

## BACK TO SCHOOL



Roberta Wood, a senior nursing major, has been a registered nurse for several years but has returned to Southern to earn a bachelor of science in nursing. Wood has been a nurse at Freeman Hospital.

said a nursing career is something she always has wanted.

"I chose nursing in high school," she said. "My sister was a nurse, and that is all I really wanted to do."

Wood, who has a 3.93 grade-point average, explains her high grade.

"I just keep going along and working day by day," she said. "I try to make a schedule because I have to keep track of family, work, and school."

She also has some advice to give students hoping to "make that grade."

"Never miss classes," she said. "Also, if any problems develop in

class, talk to the instructor and ask what you could do better. The instructors are all eager to help."

Wood does have one regret about her college career.

"I wish I would have started many years earlier," she said. "But Southern has been really helpful to me. I don't think I could have done this any place else."

In the future, Wood hopes to teach others.

"Someday I would like to get my masters and teach on the college level," she said.

# Willson finishes what she started

## Education major kept with goals

BY SHARON WEBER  
CHART REPORTER

**I**f I was going to go to college, it was going to be the most important thing I do," said Sarah Willson in retrospect about her college beginning.

Willson, an elementary education major at Southern, who will graduate with a 3.97 GPA, eventually was among the top 25.

"I started out wanting to be an education major, and that's what I am," she said. "I would not change anything," she said.

Being the youngest of five children, she spent a lot of time growing up as the student with her siblings teaching her. Her sister is employed as a teacher with the Plattsburg, Mo., school system.

Willson's favorite class in college was Children's Literature, which she took at Crowder College in Neosho.

It was the most motivating class that I took. It was great," she said.

The secret of her success has been her faith in God and a lot of hard work.

"I always tried to put forth my best effort every time because I knew



Sarah Willson

it was important," she said.

Her favorite instructor at Southern has been Dr. Rosanne Joyner, associate professor of education.

Love her enthusiasm. She really gets you motivated," Willson said. She missed about being a teacher.

Joyner describes Willson as a delightful young woman with a great sense of humor that she uses very effectively in the classroom.

Sarah is a very gifted young woman," Joyner added.

Willson has been doing her student teaching in a second-grade class at Diamond Elementary School. She recently underwent an emergency appendectomy and had to miss some classroom time.

Upon graduation, she plans to find a teaching job in Missouri.

"It's pretty tough finding a job," she said.

Since Willson always has tried to be the best she can be, she recommends the same to others.

"Be the best that you can be. Set priorities," Willson said. "Make your education your most important goal."

Willson has had a lot of support from her parents along the road to graduation.

"I'd like to thank my parents for their help. They have paid for my expenses for school," she said. "They knew it was important for me to get an education."

# Long: Teachers have most demanding job

BY BRIAN HIRSCH  
CHART REPORTER

**E**ver since the third grade, Sonya Long knew she wanted to become a teacher.

This can touch many lives," she said. "I think teachers have the most important job. Without them, we'd be lost."

Long will graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a grade-point average of 3.92. She plans to teach in an elementary school.

Long is a very motivated student, making the most of her opportunities.

Her worst teacher has been during her freshman year. Long and her best friend started school in the "Remedial Learning Program," took the same classes together.

"After the lecture and before our test, we would talk orally about the material and quiz each other," Long said.

Having to take care of her children, she has found it difficult to participate in any extracurricular activities. But she says if she could do it over again, she would try to find the time.

Long names Michael Bauer, lecturer in English; Dr. James Sandrin, head of the education department; and Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, as her favorite instructors because they all have been very supportive.

Sonya is an outstanding student with a serious commitment to the education program," said Bauer.

Her hardest class at Southern was taught by Dr. Betty Carter, former assistant professor of education.

The class (Language Arts) required us to collect a lot of material outside the class," said Long.

Her favorite class was sociology taught by Dr. Richard Miller, associate professor of sociology.

The way he taught was very informal, so I learned a lot in his class," she said.

"You need to make school matter and devote yourself to it," said Long, giving her advice to students.

## AND THE ANSWER IS...



Sonya Long, senior elementary education major, teaches class at Columbia Elementary School in Carthage.



# Bogle keeps up perfect 4.0 GPA

BY CHRISTY MYERS  
CHART REPORTER

**T**he only person in the computer science department who has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout college is Lori Bogle.

Lori Bogle, a senior history major, is married and has two children.

My family has had to sacrifice a lot to help me maintain my 4.0," she said.

Bogle believes non-traditional student tend to put more emphasis on school.

I study all day Sunday, during my free time at school and a few hours every evening," she said.

Past history classes and instructor inspired Bogle to become a history major.

My favorite class is Women's History because it brought to life things that most history books ignore. I guess that I tend to be a moderate feminist," she said.

Virginia Lacy, instructor of his-



Lori Bogle

## HARD AT WORK



Lori Bogle, senior history major, has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA

tory is Bogle's favorite instructor.

Mr. Lacy has been a great role model for me, and I think that he also expects the most from me," he said. Lacy describes Bogle as a hard working student.

Lori has an incredible desire to learn. She is very creative in choosing research topics that no one has ever chosen," said Lacy.

According to Bogle, he has to overcome the ability to take a test well.

Some students comprehend material in class well but I like to study beforehand to take a test well," she said.

Bogle currently the president of Phi Alpha Theta, so he could be more involved in extra-curricular activities. However, with a family

four children and a one-hour commute from Cassville to Southern, he has been hard to be actively involved.

She still is involved at her place after graduation, however she does express an interest in pursuing a master's degree.

I am very grateful to Southern for the education they have given me," Bogle said. Southern promotes people to be vocal about what they believe. Everyone respect your beliefs and encourage you to speak for yourself.

She advises students to get to know their instructors and not just a face in the classroom.

The instructors at Southern want to know and help you," Bogle said.

# Grades not critical to Walker any more

BY NICOLE DAVISON  
CHART REPORTER

**B**eing one of the top 25 senior has not changed Trent Walker's priorities.

Walker, general manager of a major district list power money and a nice office with a view as important.

The most important things to me right now are my relationship with Jesus Christ and my fiancée, Laura," says Walker.

I used to put a great deal of emphasis on grades, but I try not to," he said. "I try to enjoy my life. Grades aren't the most important thing."

Walker wasn't really sure what his grade-point average was but his fiancée was sure to remind him that it is 3.95.

Don't think his grades are not important to him, though.

Early on my parents made me study, but then I had to do it on my own or it wouldn't get done," he said.

Walker admits he has not been very involved on campus, but perhaps that is because he commutes from Liberal works at Wal-Mart 28 hours a week, teach-

ing Sunday school at Verdella Free-will Baptist Church and is enrolled for 12 credit hours.

If I could have done things differently, I might have stayed out of school a year or two after [high school] graduation," he said.

I would have built up my savings, which school pretty much has depleted, and I wouldn't have dropped some of the classes I did early on.

Walker knows what he wants in the immediate future.

I'll stay at Wal-Mart for a while as a department manager and find a home," he said. "In my spare time I'll work with youth groups. I enjoy kids."

Walker also will be getting married later this month.

He says he likes this area, but the decision of where he resides isn't really his.

I'll stay around here until the Lord wants me to move," Walker said.

He also offers some advice for graduating high school seniors.

If they are set on going to school right away, fine. Just enjoy life and don't put quite so much emphasis on grades.

# Neece perseveres despite bad advice

## Perfect grades not a top priority

BY SHARON WEBER  
CHART REPORTER

**W**hen he speaks you listen. It's important," said Dr. J. Merrell Jenkins, professor of psychology speaking of Gary Neece.

Neece, a psychology major from Kearney, Mo., will graduate with a 4.0 grade point average.

That is why and maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Verdella Free-will Baptist Church, Jenkins said.

Besides his major, Neece will graduate with a minor in criminal justice. He plans to combine the two fields in the future.

I hope to have a career in federal law enforcement," Neece said. "I would like to work for the United States Marshal."

Despite his heavy class load, Neece has worked in management training for a local retail store.

Gary has worked full-time and part-time and is still able to perform superbly," Jenkins said. "He is dependable. You don't have to lean on

him to get things done."

Neece speaks highly of Jenkins as well.

He can make a boring subject, like statistics, very interesting," he said.

Neece said his favorite courses at Southern have been English 101 and 102. They also were his toughest.

Dr. [Lanny] Ackis got me started out right in college," Neece said. "I'd like to thank him for that. He taught me that you learn to write the rest fall into place."

The rest must have fallen into place for Neece. He has maintained his grades while having time to work and be involved in several campus organizations including Psi Chi, Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Chi.

Despite his performance at Southern, a high school counselor once told him not to go to college.

He told me my grades weren't good enough," Neece said.

Although Neece has maintained a perfect GPA throughout college, he said grades are not of the utmost importance.

Don't put too much emphasis on grades and not learn concepts. Don't be so worried about what the professor wants on a test. Learn the concepts."

## TICKLING THE KEYS



Photo by Sharon Weber

Gary Neece, a psychology major with a criminal justice minor, keeps track of his experimental data on the computer science department's mainframe where the majority of his work is done. Neece will graduate this Spring with a perfect 4.0 GPA. A high school counselor once advised him against college.



# Lucky finds little time for herself

BY RON FAUSS  
CHART REPORTER

In her spare time, Vicky Lucky enjoys playing racquetball and sports, although she "has very little free time at this point."

This is due to all of the hard work she puts into her studies.

"Grades have always been a top priority of mine," she said. "I have always worked very hard to earn high grades."



Vicki Lucky

Lucky will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice administration along with an associate's degree in law enforcement.

With her degree she plans to go into investigative police work, possibly at the federal level.

Lucky, from Cabool, Mo., said she decided to be a criminal justice major to get away from the grind of

doing the same thing every day.

"I wanted something different, something more exciting than the other majors," she said. "I didn't want to do the same thing every day."

Lucky believes the criminal justice program at Missouri Southern has a lot to offer prospective students.

"The faculty here are outstanding," she said. "I think that it is one of the better criminal justice departments in the state."

Lucky has a 3.921 grade-point average going into this semester. She said she owes her high GPA to hard work and a strong interest in her major.

Her hard work does not go unnoticed by her instructors.

"She is the kind of student who makes teaching fun," said Jack Spurlin, director of the criminal justice program. "She works extremely hard in her classes and is an excellent model for other students to follow."

Lucky said all of her classes are tough, but anyone could get good grades through "hard work."

## LOCK ON TARGET



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Vicky Lucky, senior criminal justice major, takes aim inside the firing range in the Police Academy.

## Children's books intrigue her

### Manning plans to write some, work overseas

BY RACHEL ALUMBAUGH  
STAFF WRITER

De Manning's *The Dimension of Depth* was her first attempt at writing children's literature, but she doesn't think it will be her last.

"I love children's literature," said Manning, an elementary education major. "In my spare time you'll probably find me reading a good children's book."

She would like to write more books for children. Manning believes this type of literature offers excellent insight and meaning to guide small, impressionable minds.

"Children's Literature was my favorite class because I saw myself in the books that we read and in the stories I wrote," she said.

When she isn't working on her next book, you probably will find

her concentrating her efforts on classes.

"I feel that grades are very important," said Manning. "You must always try to do your best."

She believes her goals within the teaching field and the criteria she sets for herself are the result of an excellent model. Manning's model for success comes from Dr. Betty Cagle, former assistant professor of education at Southern.

"I strive to live up to the expectation that Dr. Cagle set for being the best teacher I can be," said Manning.

She says a teacher isn't someone who just lectures five days a week, but someone trusted to help small children explore every possibility.

With that premise in mind, Manning believes it has been easy to achieve her 3.927 grade-point average.

"If you want to be the best, then you have to trust in God and believe that everything will work," Manning said.

Sometimes, in the middle of her Physical Science class, she says she

thought it was easier to make the promise to be the best than it was to fulfill the promise.

"Physics was my hardest class," said Manning. "I didn't know what to expect, and everyone was telling me horror stories. I made it through with a little extra work and a lot of help from God."

Manning said the moral support of her family has helped her achieve a very satisfying goal.

"Becoming a teacher has helped me to value my greatest accomplishment even more—raising three children," she said.

She has set her next goal on a more personal level. Since she is now certified to teach, Manning would like to become a missionary, teaching those who are less fortunate.

"This will be the toughest and most rewarding challenge," said Manning. "I will be happy as long as I am sharing."

Before traveling throughout the world, Manning is gaining practical experience in the McDonald County School District.

## Best is never enough for education major

Pierce sacrifices time, distance for College

BY SHARON WEBER  
CHART REPORTER

I think I have always been the type to try to be the best I could be, and my best was never good enough," said Sabra Pierce.

An elementary education major, Pierce will graduate with an

overall grade-point average of around 3.95. Her best has been good enough to have her finish as one of the top of the graduating class.



Sabra Pierce

Pierce currently is student-teaching a fourth-grade class in Vinita, Okla.

"The kids are the best part of teaching," she said.

Married for almost 11 years with two daughters, Pierce said she has made many sacrifices in order to attend Missouri Southern.

"I live 60 miles away, and my time has been my biggest sacrifice," she said. "I haven't had time for all the social events that I used to be able to attend."

She said her family does not feel like it has sacrificed much for the sake of her education, however.

"They're very proud of me. We're very close," she said. "They've adjusted a lot to my studying."

"My daughters are just super kids or they would not have adjusted so well," she said.

According to Pierce, her toughest class at Southern involved geometry.

"I didn't have a lot of background in it," she said. "I don't like to be unsure of myself, and I felt unsure of myself in geometry."

The future, Pierce said, is something she is sure of. She plans to teach in the Grove, Okla., area.

Others are sure of her future, too. Dr. Rosanne Joyner, associate professor of education and one of her instructors, speaks highly of Pierce.

"She is a delight. Her maturity and dedication will make her an outstanding teacher," Joyner said.

Pierce said one of the factors that drew her to Southern was atmosphere.

"I picked Missouri Southern because of the friendly and open welcome that I got from all the people," she said.

While at Southern, Pierce has been active in WJSE, an education organization. She recently returned from a trip to an elementary school in New Orleans.

"What we learned will definitely enrich me later," Pierce said. "Once I'm able to apply it, I will realize just how much it helped me."

Pierce said she is happy with the education she received here.

"I feel that I have received a very personal education," she said. "I'm astounded by that."

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# Mitchell maintains grueling work ethic

## Biology major tough on court and off

BY CHRISTY VANZANDT  
CHART REPORTER

When not on the field or court, Michelle Mitchell is usually studying to maintain her 3.9 grade-point average.

Mitchell, biology and pre-physical therapy major, spends much of her time in the athletic training office.

"Spending a lot of time with Mr. Kevin Lamp, athletic trainer, Mr. Marty Conklin, assistant athletic trainer, and the rest of the group in sports medicine has given me another family," she said.

The 22-year-old native of Noel added, "I have supportive parents who have encouraged me throughout my four years at Missouri Southern.

"Coming to Southern, I had my mind made up with what I wanted to do. I feel I have accomplished everything I set out to do."

Having been active in high school



Michelle Mitchell

athletics, she always was interested in dealing with the prevention and care of athletic injuries.

"Working in the sports medicine department at Southern has given me the experience needed for continuing my education in this field," she said.

After graduation, Mitchell will enroll in the University of Kansas' physical therapy program.

"Animal Physiology or Anatomy and Physiology are two of my favorite classes because the material is so fascinating," Mitchell said.

"Dr. Vonnie R. Prentice, professor of biology, is one of my favorite instructors because he is so easy to understand," she said.

Prentice, likewise, has respect for Mitchell.

"She is quietly content, always calm, together, and prepared, as well as positive," Prentice said.

Working hard has rewarded Mitchell in many ways. Receiving two scholarships are just two examples.

"Set your goals, work hard toward them, and don't wait until the last minute to declare a major," she said.

## FOR THE FAINT OF HEART?



Michelle Mitchell, senior biology major, examines sheep brains during a laboratory class. Mitchell has maintained a 3.90 GPA.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

# Prater's grades get top billing

BY MIKE PETERSEN  
CHART REPORTER

For Michael Prater, achieving high grades is top priority.

Prater, accounting major and soccer player, is one of this year's top 25 seniors at Missouri Southern.

"I have devoted all my time to school," he said. "I usually go into class expecting an A. If I don't, then I put even more effort into it."

His study habits include going over the material again and again until it is learned, and sacrificing time with friends in order to maintain his 3.906 grade-point average.

"If I had it all to do over again, I would spend more time going out with my friends," he said. "I usually had opportunities to go out, but sacrificed those opportunities to stay home and study."

Prater, a native of Albuquerque, N.M., came here with a Regents and an athletic scholarship.

"My grandparents live in Mount Vernon," he said. "This gave me an insight to Southern's accounting department, as well as the soccer program."

He chose accounting because of its "growing and stable industry." One of his favorite classes was Intermediate Accounting II, taught by Dr. James Shaver, professor of business.

"Everyone said Intermediate Accounting II was a difficult class," he said. "I just spent extra time in studying it over and over again until I received an A."

Prater's favorite instructor has been Shaver.

"He forces you to learn," he said. "It's the way he goes about teaching the subject. He cares how you're doing in his class and wants you to do well."

Shaver was consulted on Prater's performance in his class.

"Mike is an excellent student and a very hard worker," Shaver said. "In the classroom, he asks questions and manages to keep up with his work. He balances playing soccer and his academic affairs exceptionally well, and is a loyal member of the National Association of Accountants."

Prater, 22, has been involved in organizations including Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, an economics society. He has worked in Southern's admissions office as a campus tour guide.



Michael Prater

# Clark finishes college in three years

BY TANYA GAUTIER  
CHART REPORTER

Going through school at a rapid pace is nothing new for mathematics major Rebekah Clark.

Clark, who has attended Missouri Southern year-round for three years, will graduate with an overall grade-point average of 3.90.

"She is one of the best students to have been in my class," said Linda Hand, assistant professor of mathematics.

"She has a lot of natural talent. She works hard, but a lot of it's there naturally."

Clark, 20, advanced to the ninth grade, bypassing the eighth grade all together.

"My father gave both my sister and I the option to advance," she said. "I went ahead and moved up a year early, so my sister and I were in high school together."

Clark chose her field because it was easy for her. She said her toughest class has been this semester's Advanced Calculus. Clark said there are a lot of proofs in the class that are hard to work out.

Her favorite class at Southern has been The Novelistic Tradition, taught



Rebekah Clark

## TIME FOR TUTORING



Rebekah Clark, senior math major, tutors Mary Eichelberger, freshman nursing major, in the learning center.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

by Dr. Carmen Carney, professor of Spanish. Clark liked the class because there was a lot of reading and it was taught in English.

Her favorite instructors are Hand and Dr. Joseph Shields, professor of mathematics.

"Ms. Hand explains things to where it's so obvious, you're able to say to yourself 'I get it, I understand,'" Clark said.

"Dr. Shields treats you like adults. He's very encouraging," she said.

According to Clark, she has a very loving family, but her parents expect the best out of her.

"My parents are behind me and give me a gentle push to succeed," she said.

Clark studies anywhere from 30 to 40 hours a week, depending on her schedule.

"The only time I worry about grades are when grades come out," she said. "Sometimes I study and do well, and sometimes I don't study

and do bad, but they usually turn out to be good."

Her advice to younger students is to go to class and keep up with homework.

"If you're not in class, how can you learn?" she asked.

Clark, a native Nebraskan, is engaged to senior Rafael Santiago, a pre-medicine major. She plans to attend graduate school in Iowa next year.



# Early beginning good for Baker

BY TABITHA SOWERS  
CHART REPORTER

Making good grades was not a problem; making it to class was.

"Getting to school was a problem in the beginning of my college career," said Daniel Baker, a history major. When he came to Missouri Southern in the fall of 1987, he was only 14 and had to carpool every day.

Baker's parents decided, before he even was born, that he would be home-schooled. They didn't believe the public educational system was up to par.

Being home-schooled all his life, Baker was introduced to his first formal education by Southern. Now 18, he says he liked the change, and he obviously has done well.

"It's not a secret," said Baker in reference to making good grades. His overall grade-point average is 3.911. He says during tests he "keeps cool" and does not panic. High

grades are a secondary priority to Baker because he does not have to work extremely hard to get them.

He spends approximately eight hours a week studying. "Sometimes more, sometimes less," he said, "depending on the assignments that are given to me."

Becoming a history teacher at the college level is one of Baker's plans for the future, along with going on to graduate school to earn a doctorate in history.

Dr. Paul Teverow, associate professor of history, is Baker's favorite instructor. He has taken more history classes from him than any other instructor, including U.S. History 110, his favorite class. Baker likes Teverow because he teaches his courses well and gives "hands-on" sources the students can benefit from.

Teverow thinks highly of Baker as well.

"As his grades show, he's an outstanding student and he takes great pride in doing the very best he can," said Teverow. "What I enjoyed most about having him for a student is his love for learning. He not only asks a lot of questions about what I teach, but when I suggest to him books and articles where he can find the an-

## A SERIOUS STUDENT



Daniel Baker, 18, senior history major, came to Missouri Southern when he was just 14-years old.

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swers, he'll actually read them and come by to discuss them with me."

Baker listens to a mixture of music; Italian opera is his favorite. He enjoys eating Chinese food, and he

has a part-time job working for the *Sarcozie Record* reporting on high school sports.

Baseball is Baker's favorite sport, and he roots for the Chicago Cubs.

He said, "I'll be the one around campus with the Chicago baseball cap on."

# Abbott finishes second degree

BY NICOLE DAVISON  
CHART REPORTER

She is finishing her second degree at Missouri Southern.

Barbara Jo Abbott, English major, already has received a bachelor of arts degree from Arkansas Tech University where she had an overall grade-point average of 3.09.

"I decided I wanted to teach at the college level," Abbott said.

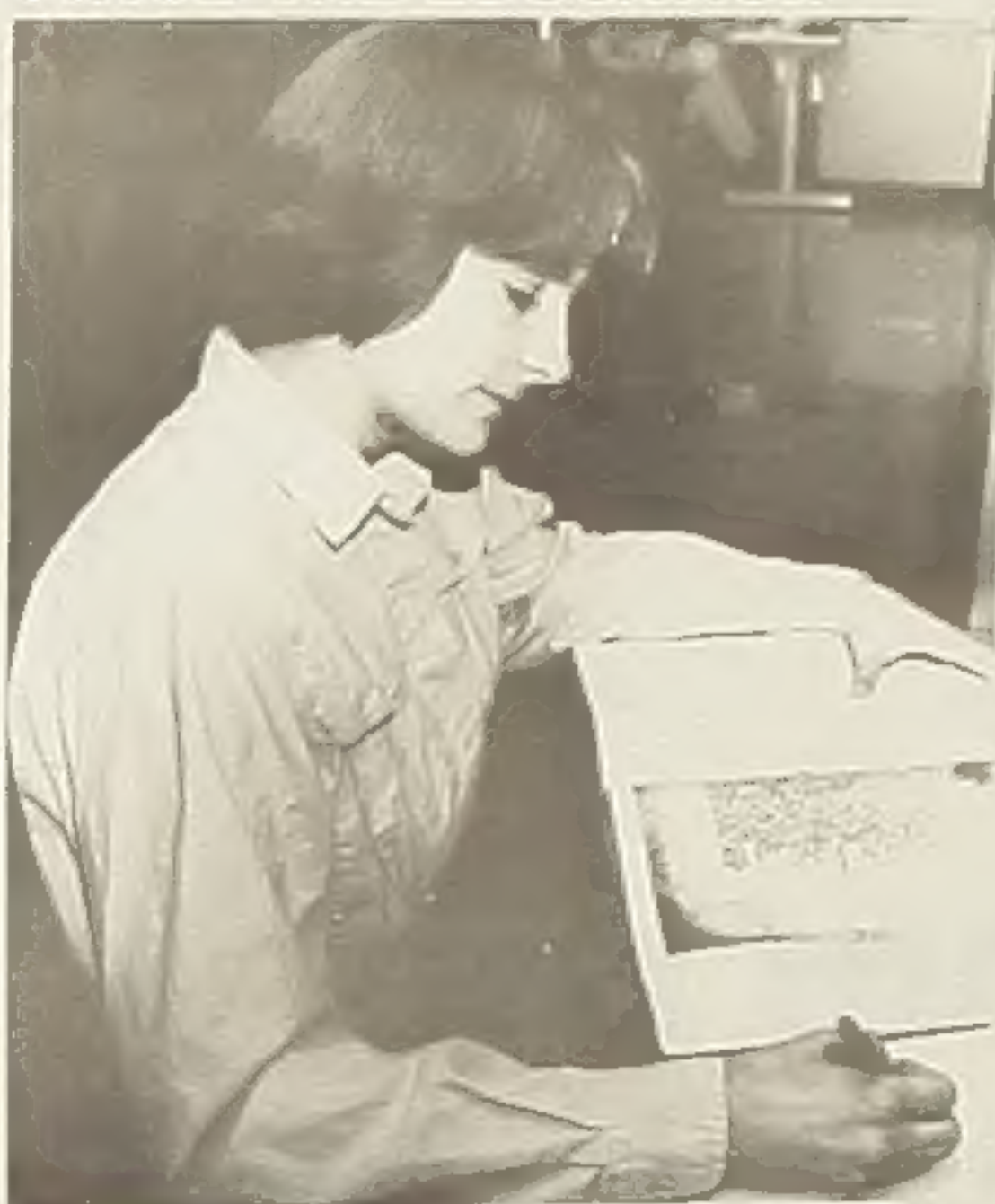
She says adjusting to Southern was not difficult since ATU was so similar in size and background.

Abbott's husband, David, assistant professor of mathematics, is the reason she is here at Southern.

"We'll be here another year," she says. "Then I'll get my master's at PSU (Pittsburg State University), and we'll both get our doctorate."

Abbott enjoys most of her classes at Southern, but her favorite has

## TWICE THE EDUCATION



Barbara Abbott, senior English major, is finishing her second degree.

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been The Short Story with George C. Greenlee, assistant professor of English.

"I've always liked short stories best," she said. "That class in particular is really open and fun. We do a lot of class discussion."

Abbott thinks college has been a lot easier the second time around.

"I think this time it's easier to concentrate," she said. "School is more interesting than social life as opposed to when I was younger."

# Allen: Do job right, or don't do it at all

BY RICK BROCKMAN  
CHART REPORTER

Perseverance and hard work are two key ingredients which Rebecca Allen credits to her academic success.

Allen graduated from Southern in December with an overall grade-point average of 3.803. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, with an emphasis on language arts.

"Grades were very important to me," Allen said.

Many times she would stay up half the night, or set the alarm clock for 5 a.m.

"It provided me with extra time to work on a paper or study for a test," she said.

Her philosophy of success is simple and to the point.

"If I have something to do, then I will do it right or not at all. I just wanted to get the most out of my classes," she said.

Allen recalls fond memories from a Diagnostic and Remedial Reading class taught by Dr. Edward P. Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology.

"I enjoyed the class; it was informative," Allen said. "Much of the data provided would be applicable in everyday experiences of my teaching career."

Merryman was Allen's favorite instructor because "he was interesting. I felt comfortable in his class."

According to Merryman, Allen "was eager to learn, and it was a pleasure having her in my class."

Academic success did not always come easy for her. She considered Math for Elementary Teachers to be her most difficult course.

"I had a weak math background, and it was a struggle," she said.

Allen was one of the few students chosen from Southern to go to Oxford University in August 1990. She studied William Shakespeare, calling it "a positive learning experience."

It was her first time out of the country, and she came face to face with cultural shock.

Oxford was not the way I had pictured it," she said.

The pictures of Oxford in brochures depicted it to be in a country setting. To the contrary, Oxford, the oldest university in England, is situated in downtown Oxford about 80 kilometers northwest of London.

Allen offers this bit of insight to undergraduates.

"Do the best you can, take every class seriously, and get the most for your money."



Rebecca Allen



# **Congratulations Graduating Seniors of 1991**

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